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Mother's Day. New mom Laura's Moon frolics in the spring-like weather with her Mosler filly, the region's first reported foal of 2020, born at Maryland's Country Life Farm Jan. 11.

In this issue

Marama delivers speed, power for Doetsch

Maryland breeder George Doetsch pursued a career in journalism, moved over to the auto industry, where he became a vice president with Ford Motor Co. and owned 15 dealerships, and now dedicates his energies to a successful Thoroughbred operation thanks to star broodmare Uniformly Yours. By Vinnie Perrone. Page 24

Delaware leader Gruwell honored for work

A trainer's daughter, then a trainer herself, Bessie Gruwell has seen plenty in a career in the Mid-Atlantic's Thoroughbred industry. She was honored for her hard work with the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association in the 2019 Godolphin industry awards. By Sandra McKee. Page 32

Dual-purpose stallion Friend Or Foe shines in Virginia

Perhaps the only Thoroughbred stallion in the world to compete in the show ring while his best offspring piles up nearly $1 million in earnings on the track, Friend Or Foe has found a home in Virginia. By Katie Bo Williams. Page 38

Maryland Horse. Murray helps keep Murmur going

He's been a part of it since he was born, but Kent Murray plays a bigger role in his family's Murmur Farm and regional racing now. By Joe Clancy. Page 67

Cover: Sharing, the first Maryland-bred Breeders' Cup winner since 1995, takes the top spot in the final Mid-Atlantic-bred poll of 2019. For more, see Mid-Atlantic Report. Photo by Patricia McQueen

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POST TIME

4 & 20 BLACKBIRDS.
Retirees Declan's Moon (foreground) and Alden's Malibu entertain some winged visitors at Maryland's Country Life Farm on a winter morning.
Ellen Pons

Sharing lands top spot in 2019 regional poll

While she's not running for president, Sharing set an enviable example for those in this month's Iowa Caucuses by winning the No. 1 ranking in the final *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*/The Racing Biz poll for 2019. In a landslide.

The now 3-year-old filly received every first-place vote on the way to the top spot in the poll of racing journalists and officials conducted by this magazine and the racing website theracingbiz.com with 70 points. Owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gainesway Stable, Sharing was bred in Maryland by Sagamore Farm and trained at Graham Motion's base at Fair Hill Training Center in Cecil County, Md., for most of 2019. The $350,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling purchase capped her rookie season with a win in the $1 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1 at Santa Anita in November. The mild upset at nearly 14-1 was worth $550,000 and gave Sharing three wins in four starts.

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She opened at Saratoga, finishing third by a neck and a nose in her debut going 5½ furlongs on the turf July 21. Back in action Aug. 18, she won an off-the-turf maiden going 7 furlongs by a widening 6¼ lengths. A little more than a month later, she landed Laurel Park's Selima Stakes as the 1-2 favorite. That win propelled Sharing to the Breeders' Cup, where her dam Shared Account won the 2010 Filly and Mare Turf-G1 for Sagamore and Motion. On the big stage, Sharing shadowed Living In The Past (Ire), Abscond and Sweet Melania early before sweeping past in the stretch and winning by 1¼ lengths. Worth $730,300, the campaign made good on some of the promise Sharing showed in her early work.

"She's a lot like her mom," he said in August. "Extremely classy, very kind to be around. Shared Account was a sweetheart and this filly's very much like her."

Shared Account became just the fourth Breeders' Cup-winning mare to produce a Breeders' Cup winner, following Personal Ensign, My Flag and Hollywood Wildcat while Sharing became just the fourth Maryland-bred to win a Breeders' Cup race—after Cigar, Concern and Safely Kept.

A daughter of Speightstown, Sharing will get a chance at a big encore in 2020. After a rest at Fair Hill, she headed south and was training at Florida's Palm Meadows in January. The first goal is the Florida Oaks-G3 on the turf at Tampa Bay Downs March 7. From there, options abound.

"There's been some mention of trying her on the dirt and trying to go to the Kentucky Oaks-G1," said Motion. "That would require running her in a dirt race and we would consider a dirt start, depending on how she ran in the first race. She's always handled the dirt."

Motion will discuss any decisions with the owners, but also mentioned the Coronation Cup-G1 at England's Royal Ascot in June.

"She's got a great attitude, she's not a bleeder and I felt Miss Temple City's run in the Coronation [fourth in 2015] was the best effort I've had with a horse over there," Motion said. "It suits us a little better, one turn, a mile, 3-year-old fillies which restricts it. That's a race I'm comfortable shooting for."

Beyond the leader, the final rankings feature plenty of quality. West Virgina-bred Runnin'toluvya (39 points) checked in second on the strength of three wins from six starts for Grams Racing Stable and trainer Tim Grams. The son of Fiber Sonde won the $1 million Charles Town Classic-G2, Russell Road Stakes and an allowance race, finishing the year with $621,660. The now 6-year-old was bred by Leslie Cromer out of her Not For Love mare Lov'emnrun.

Third came Pennsylvania-bred Mirth, a now 5-year-old daughter of Colonel John. The dark bay made seven regional starts for breeder Larry Karp and trainer Bernie Houghton through 2018 before selling to the California-based Little Red Feather Racing. Mirth won three of 11 in 2019, including the Rodeo Drive-G1 and Bobby Frankel-G3 while earning $347,281.

Pennsylvania-bred Prince Lucky (36 points) tied Mirth for third, thanks to three stakes wins. Racing for his breeder Dan McConnell Sr. and son Dan Jr., the son of Corinthian won the Hal's Hope-G3 and Gulfstream Park Mile-G2 early and added the State Dinner at Belmont Park in July while pushing his career earnings to $607,570. The bay gelding suffered a career-ending injury in the Harlan's Holiday Stakes Dec. 14, but underwent surgery and the McConnels were considering retirement options.

West Virginia-bred Anna's Bandit (33) rounded out the top five, after winning nine of 11 starts and earning $401,830 for No Guts No Glory Farm and breeder/trainer Jerry Robb.

Others receiving votes were New Jersey-bred Valedictorian, Virginia-bred Out for a Spin, West Virginia-bred Late Night Pow Wow, Maryland-bred Hello Beautiful, Pennsylvania-bred Call Paul, Maryland-bred Cordmaker, New Jersey-bred Horologist and Maryland-bred Alwaysmining. *– Joe Clancy*

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Cigar made his first stakes start of 1995 in Gulfstream Park's $300,000 Donn Handicap-G1. But his brilliant 5½-length win was overshadowed by something out of his control. For that was the race that 1994 Horse of the Year Holy Bull suffered a career-ending injury.

Posted as the second choice in the betting at 4-1 for the Donn, Cigar shot to the front at the start. Heading down the backstretch, he held the lead over Holy Bull, the odds-on favorite, when the incident occurred.

Cigar, whose ability to perform at that level had been well-established with his victory in the 1994 NYRA Mile-G1, carried on like a pro, easily defeating runner-up Primitive Hall. But the order of finish in the Donn suddenly became a matter of secondary importance, as the entire racing world waited for a report on the injured champion. It was determined Holy Bull strained ligaments in his left foreleg, and he was retired to stud that season at Jonabell Farm in Kentucky. He would become a solid sire and remained at Jonabell until his death 22 years later.

For Cigar, the Donn was his fourth win in a row. He kicked off his season in a 1 1/16-mile allowance at Gulfstream Jan. 22 in which he led at every call and won by 2 lengths. From then on he would only run in stakes competition.

GO FIGURE

7 Horses who tied for the title as North America's winningest horse in 2019. Anna's Bandit, Peekacho, Heavens Whisper, Phonemyposseagain, Frosty Star, Timely Prize and Mi Amigo Badua each won nine races during the year. The region was represented by two of the seven. Anna's Bandit, a West Virginia-bred, won all but two of her 11 starts for No Guts No Glory Farm and trainer Jerry Robb. The now 6-year-old stakes winner raced at Laurel Park, Pimlico, Timonium and Charles Town and won her final six starts. New Jersey-bred Phonemyposseagain captured nine of 12 starts (with two seconds) at Charles Town, Timonium and Mountaineer. The now 5-year-old won his first start of 2019 for breeders Matthew Ohler Sr. and Leslie Kinkead and trainer Ralph Comi Jr., but was claimed by Robert Cole Jr. for $5,000 and went on to post eight additional wins for trainer Kevin Patterson.

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Anna's Bandit (top) and Phonemyposseagain represented the Mid-Atlantic among the seven Thoroughbreds in North America who tied for the most wins in 2019 with nine.

2 Percent decrease in total wagering handle on United States Thoroughbred racing from 2018 to 2019. Bettors wagered $11,038,790,395 in the most recent year, a decline of more than $225 million. Total purses increased almost 4.5 percent to $1,167,921,650 while race days decreased slightly to 4,425 from 4,432.

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20 Stakes wins in 2019 for horses who prepped at South Carolina's Aiken Training Center. The group included Grade 1 winners Concrete Rose (left) and Henley's Joy plus Grade 3 winners Eons and Killybegs Captain.

NAMES OF THE MONTH

Greek God. The Virginia-bred veteran, a winner in 13 of his 88 starts (through Jan. 10), is by Pleasantly Perfect and out of Grecian Wings.

Affix. The West Virginia-bred 5-year-old, a winner of four races (through Jan. 10) is out of Attach.

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Rode: The first winner of his career, jockey Charlie Marquez. The 16-year-old apprentice from Columbia, Md., landed his first professional victory in the second race

JIM MCCUE

Charlie Marquez gets taken to post by his mother Valerie Kounelis for his first professional victory as a jockey at Laurel Park Jan. 9.

Jan. 9 at Laurel Park aboard Sierra Leona for trainer Phil Schoenthal. Marquez won in his eighth mount after making his debut Jan. 1 at Laurel. He rode in seven amateur races in 2019—three at Laurel and four at Parx Racing—with two seconds and two thirds. Marquez is the son of 52-year-old jockey Carlos Marquez Jr., the winner of more than 3,000 races currently riding in Puerto Rico, and the grandson of Carlos Marquez Sr., a successful jockey who taught at Puerto Rico's famed Escuela Vocacional Hipica jockey school.

Elected: Two new trustees and a third re-elected, the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation. The new members of the Board of Trustees are Diane Naylor, who along with husband Irv Naylor, is one of the leading steeplechase owners; and W. B. Dixon Stroud, steeplechase horseman who won the 1984 Maryland Hunt Cup aboard Bewley's Hill and founded the Willowdale Steeplechase in 1993. Michael Hoffman, who rode his Solo Lord to victory in the 2001 Maryland Hunt Cup, was re-elected to his third term. The foundation also elected officers for 2020: Jack Fisher as president, Emily Day as vice president, Blair Wyatt as secretary and Hoffman as treasurer.

Stepped Down: After serving for a decade as president of the National Steeplechase Association, Guy Torsilieri. A business owner and chairman of the Far Hills Race Meeting, Torsilieri resigned at the NSA's meeting Jan. 17 but will continue as a member of the organization's board. "I concluded that, as we embark on a new decade, it was a good point to turn over the reins to a new generation and new leaders," Torsilieri said. "I am extremely proud of what the National Steeplechase Association has accomplished during my tenure, and I am also proud of the leadership that has emerged within our sport.

Won: The 2,000th race of his career, trainer Hamilton Smith, with Sweet Home Dixie at Laurel Park Jan. 10. Bred and owned by Smith's older brother Franklin "Goree" Smith in South Carolina, the winner is by Done Talking, the 2012 Illinois Derby-G2 winner who provided Hamilton Smith

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with his lone trip to the Kentucky Derby-G1. "It's a great thing to happen, I can tell you that," Smith said. "When I got started I never thought I'd be around to win 2,000 races. I'm really glad to win it with a South Carolina-bred, and my brother's horse. I had a lot of help along way. I'm proud of it, I really am. Everything worked out great. It's pretty unique, I have to admit. We got started years ago down there, my brother and I, and we were getting on yearlings when we were 11 and 12 years old and we've been working together ever since." The 74-year-old Smith was one of seven siblings growing up in Lone Star, S.C., helping tend to nearly 1,800 acres of soybeans, corn and livestock that comprised his father Dudley's farm. He got an early introduction to racing from older brothers, John Edward, a jockey in the 1940s and 1950s who later turned to training, and Frank. A horse identifier at Penn National before hanging up his shingle,

Smith registered his first winner April 22, 1977 at Suffolk Downs and earned his first stakes triumph with John's Roll in the 1980 Timonium Futurity.

Starting in 1999, when he set career highs with 101 wins and $2.07 million in purse earnings, Smith has gone on to win or share five meet training titles at Laurel Park, the most recent coming at the 2016 summer stand. He has reached $1 million in seasonal earnings for 22 consecutive years, starting in 1998. Smith has earned $41 million in career purses from more than 13,000 starters, all without an assistant. His son, Jason, has essentially been filling that role in recent years. Smith ranks Done Talking among his best horses. Done Talking was raised by his brother and provided Smith with his lone trip to a Triple Crown race. After surviving a serious bout with colic that nearly cost him his life the winter before his 3-year-old year, Done Talking finished 14th in the Kentucky Derby behind I'll Have Another. Other top horses trained by Smith include 2005 and 2007 Violet-G3 winner Humoristic; 2009 Virginia Oaks-G3 winner Blind Date; 2014 and 2018 Maryland Million Turf winner Talk Show Man; 2000 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Gin Talking, a three-time stakes winner for Smith as a 2-year-old; and Big Rut, who won seven stakes for Smith between 1996 and 1998.

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Selected: For the National Museum of Racing's Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor, broadcaster Charlsie Cantey and writer Billy Reed. Cantey is best known for her involvement in television coverage of the Triple Crown and the Breeders' Cup. She galloped horses for trainers Sidney Watters, Elliott Burch, Ronnie Houghton, Frank and David Whiteley and her then husband Joe Cantey. In 1975, she joined the New York City WOR-TV weekly racing show with Frank Wright and Dave Johnson, becoming one of the first women in such a role. The 1977 Travers Stakes for CBS was her initial network telecast, with co-hosts Jack Whitaker and Wright. Cantey remained with CBS for nine years, during which time she originated the "horseback interview." In 1986, the Triple Crown coverage was awarded to ABC Sports and Cantey joined Jim McKay, Al Michaels, Whitaker and Johnson for a 15-year contract. With NBC Sports, Cantey joined Tom Hammond and company for the Triple Crown races, as well as the Breeders' Cup. Cantey was a member of approximately two dozen Eclipse Award-winning telecasts. In 1995, she received Pimlico's Old Hilltop Award at the Preakness Alibi Breakfast. In 2000, she was recognized by New York Gov. George Pataki as a Distinguished Woman in Racing. Reed went to work for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* at age 16, rising to assistant sports editor by his senior year of college. Upon graduation, he went to work for the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and later joined *Sports Illustrated*, where he spent four years before returning to the *Courier-Journal* as a special projects writer. Reed returned to sports writing and was the sports editor for the *Courier-Journal* from 1977-86, while also serving as senior writer for *Sports Illustrated* for 30 years. Reed won three Eclipse Awards for writing, in 1979, 1988 and 2008. The Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor was established in 2010 to recognize individuals whose careers have been dedicated to, or substantially involved in, writing about Thoroughbred racing (nonfiction), and who distinguished themselves as journalists. The criteria was expanded to include of other forms of media.

Honored: As Aiken-trained Horse of the Year for 2019, Ashbrook Farm's and BBN Racing's Concrete Rose. Selected by the Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame and Museum advisory board, Concrete Rose went 4-for-4 and earned $1,041,900 highlighted by victories in the Belmont Oaks-G1 and inaugural $695,000 Saratoga Oaks for trainer Rusty Arnold. Horses must have spent time at the Aiken Training Track or another area facility to be eligible for Horse of the Year, and also win a graded stakes and/or surpass $500,000 in lifetime earnings during the year in which the honor is presented.

Earned: More than $21.7 million, horses based at Maryland's Fair Hill Training Center, in 2019. The figure topped the 2018 mark by more than $2.5 million, and is the highest since statistics were first compiled in 2008. Fair Hill-based horses made 2,458 starts and won 410 races including 71 stakes. Two (Sharing and Wet Your Whistle) won Grade 1 races while based at Fair Hill.

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The **Favorite 2019 *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* Magazine Cover** poll winner was April, featuring Eclipse Award-winning jockey Wes Hamilton heading to work at Laurel Park. The winner received nearly 65 percent of the 167 total votes, with the October cover, featuring Anchor and Hope Farm's Louis and Grace Merryman and stallion Bourbon Courage, coming in second.

Following the announcement that his cover had won, Hamilton posted on Facebook: "I would like to thank God for this moment and for leading me into the racing industry! I would also like to thank all of my family and friends who voted for me and have been there for me. Thank you to all of the connections and Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred! I wasn't sure if my cover would be the most popular or not, but I ended up winning! Perfect reminder that if you have a horse in the race, then you have a shot!"

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THE RACING BIZ

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The almost-good story racing's not telling: Under fire for equine fatalities, racing's leadership is flailing for responses–while ignoring the almost-good story it could be telling, writes Frank Vespe.

Rogers getting good reviews as Charles Town's racing secretary: With six months in the job, Elizabeth Rogers is earning plaudits from co-workers and trainers alike. Ted Black reports.

Smith earns 2,000th training victory: Trainer Hamilton Smith earned his 2,000th career win with–appropriately–a horse owned and bred by his brother and sired by his lone Derby runner, reports Vespe.

Trainers nearing milestones: After Smith earned his 2,000th career win, Vespe looks at the stats of Maryland trainers Dale Capuano, Jamie Ness, Graham Motion, Jerry Robb, Hugh McMahon and Wayne Potts as they approach milestones.

Bugler Dixon learning new song after scary accident: Bethann Dixon–known to Maryland racing fans for playing the call to post on big days–is learning a new song as she recovers from a terrible accident, reports Jim Hague.

Best of 2019–interview with Ron Turcotte: The Best of 2019 series revisits what readers or editors loved most last year.

Not to be a racing Grinch, but. . . Teresa Genaro believes that 2020 won't be much to look forward to if those most directly involved with the horses don't see them as more than creatures from which to make money.

New Maryland riding crop rules paying quick dividends

Abridged story by Frank Vespe, posted Jan. 14 in Breaking, Maryland, MD Racing, Racing, Top Stories. Read the story in its entirety at TheRacingBiz.com.

Maryland's new guidelines regulating jockeys' use of the riding crop, which went into effect Jan. 9, proved costly to three riders in the first three days of implementation. The rules limit riders to a racelong total of 10 strikes of the whip and no more than three consecutively. They are policy guidance from the state Racing Commission. The new rules came about, Maryland chief steward Adam Campola said, because both the stewards and the jockey colony saw the need to take action.

"We were going to talk to them, and actually they came to us because they saw what was going on in California," Campola said. "They said, 'Let's get proactive here.' So we met with all the riders and asked them for their suggestions.

"We took their input, came up with this, addressed them with it, and they all agreed. They're all in favor of doing something," he added.

In California and New Jersey, proposals have been advanced that would essentially prohibit the use of the riding crop for all but safety purposes. The Jockeys' Guild has strongly opposed such rules. Such proposals also received a cool reception from local jockeys when floated previously.

Maryland's existing regulations require that jockeys use their whips in a way "that is consistent with the jockey's best effort to obtain the maximum placing of the horse." At the same time, however, they forbid riders from using the crop in a "brutal manner" on a horse that has already obtained its maximum placing.

The new policy puts a bit of meat on the bones of what it means for a rider to misuse the whip.

"Stewards have wide latitude to define misuse of the whip," Commission executive director Mike Hopkins said. Campola, himself a former rider, said the sides agreed to immediate implementation of the rules, with no warnings given. He believed the new rule was already paying dividends in its first days of implementation.

". . . they look more professional out there," Campola said. "They're going straighter. You talk to the riders and getting a lot of good response. They notice the difference; someone's just not flailing away, wandering all over the place."

Because this is now Commission policy, it applies to all Maryland venues where flat racing might take place, most prominently Laurel, Pimlico and Timonium.

But Hopkins thinks that in the longer run, all of the Mid-Atlantic jurisdictions will likely agree on a uniform, regionwide crop policy, which may, or may not, look like Maryland's new guidelines.

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Moonsox

MAGGIE KIMMITT

Speak with Chris Boniface or her son Fritz for more than a few minutes, and the subject inevitably gravitates to Moonsox. The experiences differ slightly, but the deeply rooted affection for the 14-year-old chestnut gelding dovetails. Chris repeatedly calls him "quirky" and "very special." Fritz unashamedly admits, "Moonsox is the love of my life."

In the Thoroughbred industry, there are a few historic, family-owned farms richly embedded in Maryland racing: The Pons family's Country Life and Merryland Farms; Elberton Hill, owned by the Hopkins family; and the Boniface clan's Bonita Farm. And few horses are more Boniface than Moonsox.

Bred by Richard Granville, Moonsox was foaled at the Darlington farm on April 23, 2006. Sired by the elegantly bred Mojave Moon (Mr. Prospector—East of the Moon, by Private Account), Moonsox was the first and only foal from the Deputed Testamony mare Sister Sox. She was a full-sister to Granville's Winsox, a multiple stakes-winning earner of $523,863.

"Sister Sox was one of the first fillies that I really started galloping and connected with," Fritz said. "She retired and stayed on the farm to become a broodmare, and Moony was the only foal that she ended up having. And I remember going out into the field to see him when he was a foal and saying, 'You're going to be my jumper one day.' "

Trained by Kevin Boniface, Chris' husband and Fritz's father, Moonsox made six starts on the flat in 2009 before trying hurdles at the Virginia Fall Races in October. He was outrun in a field of 14 going 2⅛ miles and pulled up. Four more flat starts, two for a $5,000 claiming price, followed with no success to complete the 2009 season.

Third three times on the flat, Moonsox was destined for timber racing with its distances of 3 miles and beyond. Bonita client Jim Foulk bought the chestnut from Granville, and the Moonsox project began. The Bonifaces (Kevin, Chris and Fritz) plus farm staffer Lia McGuirk built three schooling fences on Foulk's farm a short drive up Harmony Church Road and got to work.

With rolling hills and stunning views, the farm quickly became known as "Moonsox Manor."

"I had another project up here that I was retraining, so it just suited us," Chris said. "And it's a nice place to have a jumper. This was the first time we had brought a horse up here to train for racing."

"Right away you could tell that he loved it," Fritz added. "He was always a happy horse and it was fun to be around him. But when we started taking him over fences, his personality really opened up."

Two years older, bigger and stronger, Moonsox made his timber debut at Virginia's Piedmont Point-to-Point in Virginia early in 2011. He jumped well for Fritz, but finished ninth and emerged with a cut on a hind ankle. That delayed Moonsox's second start until Fair Hill in late May.

"He was second. It was crazy," Chris said. "There's a reason Fritz calls him the love of his life. Over one of those fences at Fair Hill, another horse just slammed into him in mid-air over a fence. They landed, Fritz lost his stirrups and was on the horse's neck. Moony was a young, green horse at the time and could have ducked sideways. But he just kept on galloping and Fritz worked his way back

into the tack. And we were very excited that they finished second that day."

Things got crazier. Moonsox did well enough when third at Shawan Downs in September to warrant a trip to Genesee Valley in upstate New York two weeks later. They lined up as the favorites in a three-horse field.

"We thought it would be a great experience for him," Fritz said. "Going into the first fence, there was bunch of snow fence and the whole crowd was right there, and he just started picking his head up. He was so distracted by everything going on that he didn't even see the first fence until we were about two strides away from it. Then he got into it and popped it huge. And I just disconnected, and he sent me straight up into the air. I remember I went straight down to the ground, and he ran right to the trailer. We were so bummed. We'd gone all the way up there for that."

Back to the drawing board, the squad prepared for the next start on the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup card a month later. A less determined group would have quit after a series of events the day before that race.

"He's very quirky–you think he's committed, but if he doesn't have company he's like his uncle [Winsox], who would drop us all," Chris said. "So he dropped Fritz a couple of times that day, and we chased him for 45 minutes all around this farm."

Skipping the race certainly entered everyone's minds, until Kevin offered a pep talk.

"Guys, we're entered, we're not going to worry about this," he said. "We've just gotta go get this done."

In the jockeys' room the next day, Fritz approached his fellow riders about their strategies for the race. He explained that all he needed was a lead down to the first fence and asked if someone could extend that professional courtesy.

"OK, yeah, yeah, absolutely," came the replies.

Five horses and riders lined up, the starter dropped the flag–and absolutely nothing happened. No one went.

"I looked down the line at everyone, and I swear the jockeys and the horses themselves were just staring at me," Fritz said. "Then I just took off. Moony went brilliantly around there, and at the second-last fence two horses came up on my inside, we jumped that one together and both horses fell. So then it's just me alone, well ahead of the field with one fence to go, and all I could think about was the first fence at Genesee Valley and that last schooling fence at home. I was like 'Please, please, please' and he just sailed it. I remember getting over that last fence and standing up on him with my hand in the air. The happiest day of my life maybe, getting that horse to win a race."

McGuirk knows the feeling. If Chris or Fritz were unable to school the chestnut, McGuirk rode him.

"I started doing a lot of ringwork with him, gridwork and flatwork. It fell into place because I already had a relationship with the horse."

She accompanied him for all but two of his races, often riding along in the back of the van. For the 2013 season, McGuirk became Moonsox's jockey too. Racing for Nelson and Traveller Stable, the racing name of Kevin and Chris' oldest daughter, Michelle Boniface St. John, and her husband, Harry.

McGuirk's first sanctioned start was the My Lady's Manor Timber Stakes in Monkton, Md. They won it over timber stalwarts Bon Caddo, Straight to It and Grinding Speed. She piloted Moonsox in all six of his starts that year, with Fritz climbing back aboard (except for one start for Ross Geraghty in April) in 2014.

CHRIS BONIFACE

Moonsox, with Kevin Boniface aboard, shown here with grandson Liam St. John aboard Mouse, enjoys his third career as a hunt horse, sometimes even enjoying the role as a whipper-in mount.

Fritz and Moonsox found the winner's circle twice that May with scores in Winterthur's open timber and the Radnor Hunt Cup timber stakes. Returning to Middleburg in October after his summer break, Moonsox suffered a career-ending tendon injury.

"He finished fourth, but I looked down and Fritz was off him. He bowed that left front badly," said Chris. "A case could probably have been made to put him down, but there was no way we were going to do that."

Moonsox retired with a record of 30-4-3-5 and earnings of $91,237.

"He's just a really, really cool horse and means so much to everyone," McGuirk said. "He's such a great hometown story, by Mojave Moon and the dam's side is so important to Kevin with him being related to Winsox."

Through six months of stall rest, Chris called Moonsox "the perfect patient." Always wanting a job, he gradually became a foxhunter–a role he still relishes and fulfills today. Kevin and Chris enjoy hunting with Maryland's Mt. Carmel Hounds, sharing the mount on Moonsox. On a recent outing, he and Kevin babysat young Liam St. John, Michelle and Harry's son, on Mouse, the snow-white miniature horse who lives with the gelding.

"You have a pony with a kid next to him, and he can just walk around and be super responsible," Fritz said. "Then sometimes he can be a little bit quirky; he's just got a big personality. He keeps you on your toes, but you know you can trust him. And that's part of the reason I love him so much."

MAGGIE KIMMITT

Eclipse, Wellman make the most of regional foray

Aron Wellman is a West Coast guy. He lives in Rancho Santa Fe, which could only be in California. As a kid, he hung out with Bill Shoemaker and Eddie Delahoussaye. Wellman went to U.C. Santa Barbara, practiced law in L.A. In January, he paused a telephone conversation to interject, "Dolphins, 12 o'clock," to a companion.

But, thanks to some successful Thoroughbreds owned by the Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners racing partnership he founded in 2011, Wellman might want to develop a taste for crabcakes and Philly cheesesteaks. In 2019, Eclipse campaigned two of the region's newest racing stars–undefeated now 3-year-old colt Independence Hall with trainer Mike Trombetta and Breeders' Cup-winning 3-year-old filly Sharing with trainer Graham Motion.

Though they're in Florida for the winter, the horses have lofty goals for 2020 and Wellman is proud of the Mid-Atlantic connection–which he points out isn't all that new.

He worked for Team Valor when it purchased a barn at Maryland's Fair Hill Training Center and shifted the bulk of the stable to Motion for a few years, and was part of the team when Animal Kingdom won the Kentucky Derby-G1 in 2011.

"It's something that might appear to have popped up out of the blue," he said, after spotting those dolphins. "The Fair Hill connection happened because of Team Valor . . . but before that I'd heard of it but it was a land far, far away for a kid from southern California."

No more.Eclipse bought Maryland-bred Sharing at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga yearling sale in 2018, and sought out Motion as a trainer. He'd had several horses for Eclipse, but also won a Breeders' Cup race with Sharing's dam Shared Account. Co-owned with Gainesway Farm, Sharing came to Fair Hill in the spring, won a Saratoga maiden race, added Laurel Park's Selima Stakes and then won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1 at Santa Anita in Wellman's home state.

Meanwhile, back on the East Coast. . . Independence Hall forced his way into the conversation. Based at Fair Hill with Trombetta, the Kentucky-bred won his debut for owners Bob and Kathleen Verratti at Parx Racing Sept. 21–the day Sharing won the Selima. Wellman was watching, because it's what you do–or try to do–if you're running a high-level racing partnership while juggling the weekend activities of two kids under 12.

"I was watching that day because it was Pennsylvania Derby Day and a big day of racing with a bunch of good races," said Wellman, whose introduction to Trombetta had come about a month earlier via jockey's agent Ron Anderson when Eclipse bought an interest in the trainer's 2-year-old filly Remain Anonymous. Anderson's rider Joel Rosario rode Independence Hall in that debut win, and the agent texted something along the lines of "Mike's got another runner," to Wellman.

Wellman reached out to Trombetta, who put him in touch with the Verrattis, who sold an interest to Eclipse, which brought in Twin Creeks Racing as another partner. Like anyone trying to buy racehorses, Wellman utilizes plenty of tools to make decisions but will also go on simple instinct.

"I'm a visual guy," he said. "I trust my eyes and my gut. That's where it starts. Independence Hall was bought within 24 hours, so there were no numbers [speed figures] out yet. That allows me to get a jump on some of the competition that might rely on those numbers. Of course, when I cut those deals, I'm more often wrong but we've been very fortunate."

Independence Hall missed an allowance start at Laurel Park Oct. 24 (where he was the 9-5 favorite), when a water pipe along the track apron broke and racing was canceled, but audibled to the Nashua Stakes-G3 at Aqueduct Nov. 3. Sent off at almost 10-1, the son of Constitution won by 12¼ lengths in 1:34.66 for a mile and had everybody talking. Nearly two months later, he won his 3-year-old debut on New Year's Day–dusting five others in the Jerome Stakes at Aqueduct. In mid-January, he was a Derby prospect with 10 points to prove it.

"He's a special individual, no doubt about it," said Wellman. "Everybody talks about that 'it' factor you try to put your finger on. He's got it on the physical side. He's an imposing specimen, so much power in all the right places. . . and he's just a gorgeous jet-black colt with that blaze that catches your eye. On top of that he's got a swagger, a confidence, an attitude. He's got 'it' in spades."

There's work to be done, but the success proves the racing adage about good horses coming from anywhere. Eclipse bought Grade 1 winners Tapwrit, Curalina and Sharing at auction, and added In Lingerie (a Grade 1 winner), the Grade 1-placed Point of Honor and now Independence Hall among others via private purchase.

"We're constantly scouring the globe for talent," said Wellman. "Domestically, abroad, wherever. We're trying to identify these types of prospects before the rest of the world recognizes how good they are–hopefully."

Trombetta took his horse to Tampa Bay Downs for the winter, and Motion dispatched Sharing to Palm Meadows–though Eclipse will have no problems traveling.

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The car seller unveiled his gem at a Lexington, Ky., showroom in November. Speed-seekers worldwide congregated, inspected, assessed, exalted. A British rep closed the bidding at $500,000.

From a modest production line, auto dealer George Doetsch Jr. had delivered a Maryland-bred blockbuster. Here's the thrust: A chancy broodmare who raced winless and foaled in a field has him steering among the cavalcade of horse-making glitterati.

How'd he do it? The same way Doetsch ditched a journalism career by a flurry of gunfire, then rose from clerk to national vice president of Ford Motor Co. in barely 10 years. The same way he launched or acquired 15 dealerships (one in Russia), got a pilot's license and bought some planes, amassed barns full of vintage cars, married and divorced four times, embraced philanthropy. He took the fast lane.

"I was an impetuous kind of guy," Doetsch, 78, offered in December, nearly 15 years after he'd died.

Doetsch said he never saw the white light of afterlife from that stroke-induced, heart-stopping terror in 2005. But he spurned the glum prognosis and revived quickly, surprisingly, damn near fully. Then he ascended as a breeder on the wings of Wanda Jones, manager of his Marama Farm in Clarksville, Md., and John Mayer, bloodstock-counseling owner of venerable Nursery Place in Kentucky.

In 2013, Doetsch spoke interest in a Galileo (Ire) broodmare to refine his mostly unadorned band of five. Surely too pricey, said Mayer, who eventually peddled a more tenable prospect, one by Grand Slam out of the Sadler's Wells mare Faux Pas (Ire).

Uniformly Yours had finished no better than fifth in six starts in Southern California and hadn't dropped a foal, but she offered size and blood: Half-sister Sans Souci Island won a stakes and produced River Seven, a Grade 3 winner of $810,266. Mayer found pedigree, saw robustness, smelled potential.

"I've known the family a long time," he said. "I explained it to [Doetsch]: At the December sale, the Galileo mares were out of sight. This might be an opportunity."

Doetsch, on the other side of the sales pitch, considered the strategy. As Uniformly Yours approached the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky mixed sale in February 2014 in foal to Ghostzapper, Mayer asked, "Can we go a hundred thousand?"

The road made clear, Mayer bid the limit, got the mare.

The view of white-fenced hills from his sprawling custom-built rancher improves with silhouetted horses, Doetsch believed; he wanted Jones to deliver the foal, like his others, at Marama. The resultant Maryland-bred filly, Enchanted Ghost, sold in Maryland as a $75,000 yearling.

Mayer conveyed the result, Jones said, as she drove Doetsch to an airport for an African safari. No better time, she figured, to tout a $50,000 fling between Uniformly Yours and the Kentucky stud More Than Ready. Again, Doetsch saw no speed bump.

Uniformly Yours' second foal, later named Selflessly, commanded $190,000 as a November 2017 weanling. The following spring, soon after Enchanted Ghost became a stakes winner in Laurel Park's Wide Country, the nascent black-type producer presented an Honor Code filly. Then Doetsch spent $60,000 to get Uniformly Yours to Kitten's Joy.

That subsequent delivery started and stalled. For a week or more in April 2019, the mare Jones calls Eunice seemed reluctant to foal indoors.

"Big mare, big foal," Jones said. "Nothing was happening."

So he made a change.

"You know what?" Doetsch told Jones. "She's unhappy about something. Let's put her back in her natural environment."

Maybe two hours later, in a chilly, soggy, sunlit paddock, Eunice introduced her first colt.

"Of course, she went right to the muddiest part of the field to have it," Jones said.

By September, a luster prevailed. Mayer, prepping the Kitten's Joy weanling for sale, rang Jones.

"Wanda," he said, "This is a nice colt."

"Oh, thanks," came the reply. "Is everything else OK?"

"Wanda, this is a nice colt."

Mayer echoed the belief, then echoed the echoes, which left Jones wondering whether to foal all the mares outdoors.

The Marama engine revved and soon zoomed:

• September 13: At the Keeneland yearling sale, Samantha Siegel of Jay Em Ess Stable nabbed the Honor Code filly on a $100,000 bid.

• September 29: Selflessly, the More Than Ready-sired second foal from Uniformly Yours, won the Miss Grillo-G2 for Klaravich Stable and trainer Chad Brown.

• November 1: Selflessly finished fifth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1, wide throughout and 4 lengths from victory.

• November 7: An agent for Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Shadwell Estate Co. plucked Uniformly Yours' colt by Kitten's Joy for $500,000 at Keeneland's breeding stock sale, the stallion's priciest weanling yet sold at public auction.

"Mares like this, these are gifts," Mayer said of Uniformly Yours. "I've had a lot of very well-bred mares—we've bred 'em to proven horses, and it doesn't work out like this. She is the definition of the blue hen. You've gotta turn over a whole lotta rocks and look in a lotta eggs to get one like that."

An encore awaits, Uniformly Yours is due to deliver another Kitten's Joy foal early in April.

In a Queen Anne armchair in a stately great room at Marama, Doetsch regarded his horse-breeding coup as a man accustomed to breakthrough. To high-pitched, open-beam ceilings, even his tempered words rose: "We're really small in the big leagues."

He spoke in even tones, as if his implausible tale self-punctuated. Effects of the stroke, at times, left a word or name at large. "I can't remember a lot," he said before remembering much.

In 2005, at the Howard County, Md., farm he owned before Marama, Doetsch

set out for a pleasure ride atop Clancy, his Tennessee walker.

"I had just bought him," he said. "And I saddle him up, bridle him up. I got into the saddle. Never got into the stirrups, and whoomp!"

The horse sprang; Doetsch struck his head on the barn transom, fell and stayed unconscious on a chopper ride to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. After doctors stemmed the brain bleed over five days, Doetsch went home with three broken ribs, cuts, bruises and strict instructions to avoid the daily 81 mg aspirin he'd taken near a decade. A blood clot formed, roamed and lodged in the left side of his brain. Ten days later after his hospital release, in the dark before dawn, Doetsch had the stroke.

Friend and orthopedic surgeon Cliff Turen answered the distress call, dressed, drove to Doetsch's, administered CPR and had him breathing again when paramedics arrived around 4 a.m. By the time they delivered him to Shock Trauma, Doetsch had no heartbeat.

"Cliff gave me a chance," he said, "but I was dead when I got there."

The medical staff went to work, regained a pulse. He's not sure how many days remained black. Then he awakened to a doctor friend's dim assessment: Expect to speak and walk no more.

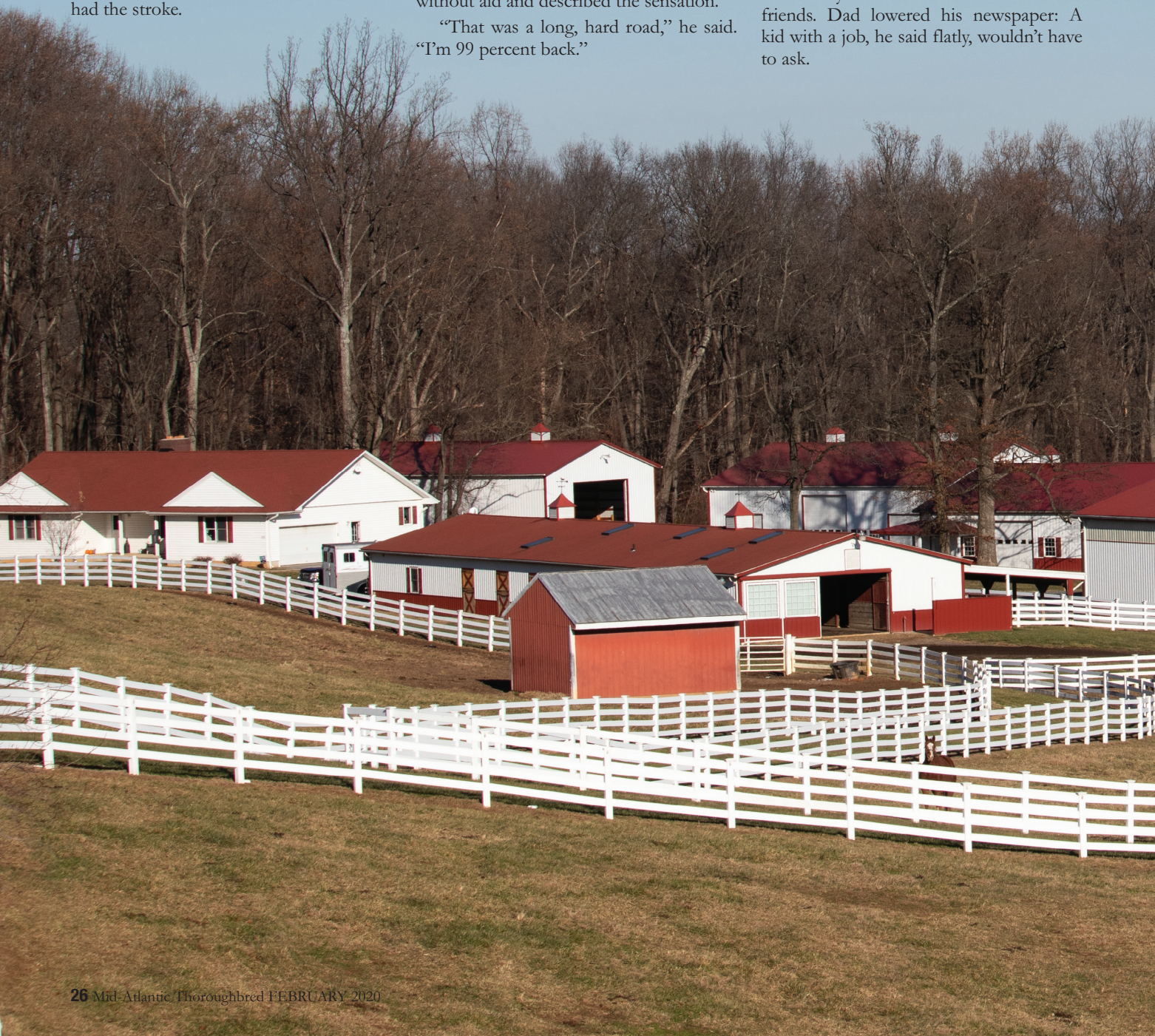
Seventeen days hospitalized, Doetsch managed unsure staccato steps on the arm of an orderly. After five months of therapy, intense and exhausting, he walked without aid and described the sensation.

"That was a long, hard road," he said. "I'm 99 percent back."

Pithy one-liners implied as much. To the question of Marama, and its meaning, Doetsch said, "It's a Polynesian term about wild women. And I've had four of 'em through here."

He offered that pearl as he walked indoors, toward a three-car garage that showcased three keepers: a baby blue 1931 Cadillac roadster; a wood-paneled, green and black 1930 Ford pickup; and a maroon 2004 Chevy Corvette. The overwhelming balance of the classic fleet filled a barn downhill.

Neither cars nor horses marked Doetsch's destiny. He grew up in Arbutus, Md., a Baltimore suburb, the son of a WBAL radio sales executive. At age 9, Doetsch said, he needed a nickel to make the Hollywood Theater movies with friends. Dad lowered his newspaper: A kid with a job, he said flatly, wouldn't have to ask.



A couple weeks later, Doetsch said, he was delivering two Baltimore papers, the *Sun* and *News-American*.

Barely a teen, he'd bike-ride to Patapsco Valley State Park just to tab the doings and gauge the movements of trail horses. The marvel lasted, and Doetsch soon got weekend work at a riding stable on Wilkins Avenue with one great benefit: On Sundays, he climbed atop a 3-year-old off-the-track Thoroughbred and sped like hell.

Enrolled pre-med at University of Maryland, Doetsch bumbled through calculus and physics and turned to journalism. He became a reporter/photographer for the school newspaper, *The Diamondback*, and got a job post-graduation at the *Sun*.

On a photo assignment to burlesque dancer Blaze Starr's 2 O'Clock Club on The Block in downtown Baltimore, shooting started before Doetsch focused a lens. Bank robbers sprayed bullets along East Baltimore Street; the young newspaperman took cover, looked out and saw the road fork.

"It wasn't worth the risk," he said. "I never really made any money in journalism. I could have—you get syndicated, you're OK. But that takes forever."

He took a sales job at Martin J. Barry Lincoln-Mercury in Baltimore and soon considered a position as used-car manager. But Ford made a better offer, and a decade later Doetsch held title of corporate vice president at the company's national headquarters in Dearborn, Mich.

He returned to Maryland to run Ford dealerships, then started buying them. At one point, his 15 "stores" included Concern Technopolis, a Chelyabinsk, Russia showroom that has become a metal-producing, house-building, multinational-trading conglomerate. Doetsch said he used to travel there every two months; less now.

At a Marama Christmas party this past December, Doetsch extended glad tidings by handing son George Doetsch III, known as Chip, the keys to Apple Ford Lincoln in Columbia, Md. Twenty-six years in the business, dad said, made Chip an able, deserving successor.

George Jr. said he'll help steer that and other dealerships and remain active on boards, for the Shock Trauma Center (a position he held before the stroke), for a private-sector entity that serves Maryland National Guard, Army and Air Force Reserve veterans, for the Washington Area New Auto Dealers Association and others. Board work got him friendly with Bob Manfuso, the Chanceland Farm co-owner who stoked Doetsch's interest in horse breeding and connected him with Nursery Place and Mayer.

Doetsch bought Marama in 2008, collaborated with Mayer on his first broodmare three years later with the $95,000 purchase of stakes-winning Florida-bred Aroma de Mujer (Trippi—Cuchu, by

Storm Creek), in foal to Quality Road. The colt she carried, His World, proved a $120,000 yearling. Her third foal, the Ghostzapper-sired G Zap, sold as a yearling for $37,000 and became stakes-placed.

In foal to Carpe Diem, 'Aroma' has a Kantharos yearling but probably will encounter a Maryland stud in 2020, farm manager Jones said. At Laurel Park's stallion showcase Nov. 30, she fancied the bone and paper of Force the Pass; the Wasabi Ventures stud will stand his first season at Anchor and Hope Farm in Port Deposit.

Late last year, Doetsch spent $65,000 on a seventh broodmare, Speightstown-sired Miss Adele, in foal to $2.3 million winner Oscar Performance. A 6-year-old gray from the Dynaformer mare Dynamite Cocktail, Miss Adele has three stakes-winning or -placed half-siblings. She's booked to Mendelssohn this year.

"With the size we are," Jones said, "we always have to remember we're trying to support Maryland." So the remaining broodmares—My Golden Belle, Happy Hailey, Seeking Gold and Sentimental Memory—could go to in-state stallions.

Doetsch breeds to sell and steadfastly foals at home. Despite the now-global commercial success of Uniformly Yours, he sends Maryland-breds to market.

"We're a Maryland farm that produces Maryland horses," he said. "I'm fine with that."

Mayer initially questioned whether Doetsch's Maryland-breds would muster sufficient auction cachet among proven Kentucky bluebloods. No longer.

Uniformly Yours' foals, he said, "have all been horses with quite a bit of leg, like her. But, for big horses, they're incredibly well-

Farm manager Wanda Jones leads prized broodmare Uniformly Yours, called "Eunice" around the farm.

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balanced. Good bone, substance—which is kind of everything she is."

The November score, Jones acknowledged, moved sales companies to call about acquiring Eunice, a growing force at age 9. Except to be bred, Doetsch said, she'll stay parked at Marama indefinitely.

On a certain December day, Eunice, fresh from a mud loll, strolled to the fenceline with hardened dirt caking both flanks.

From top: The fertile fields at Marama have produced plenty; George Doetsch and daughter-in-law Kelly, who helps out on the farm, share a moment with Uniformly Yours; Broodmares await the arrival of more Maryland-breds.

"Nice and clean," Jones said, pulling wrapped peppermints, the bulbous kind, from a coat pocket. "Way to make a good impression."

She stroked Eunice's striped face and said, "It's really kind of unheard of to have this kind of success this quickly. And how would I replace her? I mean, really. She's become the queen of the farm."

A Pennsylvanian whose 30 years with horses included a stint for trainer Jeff Runco at Charles Town, Jones has found reward through perseverance. She arrived at Marama on May 15, 2011, her 51st birthday, amid a tumultuous adjournment between Doetsch and his fourth wife.

"In the beginning, it was Marama," Jones said, "as in drama."

The "rocky start" now velvety, Jones consults with Mayer on stallion matchups and delivers the foals herself.

"All the work falls on Wanda," said Kelly Doetsch, who lives with husband Chip on the farm. "Late nights, and watching those cameras. She's sometimes really a one-woman show down there in the barn. It's incredible."

Jones described more joy than bother. "This has been the best move I ever made in my life, to come work for this man," she said. "George did something nobody else did. He believed in me."

As he did Cliff Turen, the respected orthopedic traumatologist and volunteer firefighter who found Doetsch dead in 2005 and revived him. Doetsch had schooled Turen as a pilot; they shared many lofty adventures. In January 2013, flying a single-engine plane from Georgia to Dover, Del., Turen aborted two landings in dense fog, then made a third approach. He had the instrument training to pull it off, but the gas tank ran dry, and the crash killed him at 55.

"Without Cliff, I wouldn't be talking to you," Doetsch said. "And that was his reward. I taught him how to fly an airplane. Not all our good ideas pay off, I guess."

Lingering anguish doesn't mask the notion that the shrewd horse dealer, like the shrewd car dealer, invests in human capital. Good employees and good friends, he said, will enrich your business and your life.

The notion stirred a fitting question: So what's the difference between selling a car and selling a horse? Doetsch gave the customer a reassuring smile and heartfelt reply.

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A Racing Life

Gruwell lauded for work with Delaware horsemen, horses

By Sandra McKee. Photographs by Hoofprints, Inc.

Bessie Gruwell tried to escape—the 4:30 a.m. wake-up calls, the work in the barns, all of it—but in the end, she couldn't. The horses kept calling her back.

Today, she sits happily in the horsemen's office at Delaware Park reflecting.

"Everybody has a story," she says. "When you talk about different things, it brings back so many memories. Most people who train here now don't know I trained horses or knew my late husband. Some remember my dad.

"I think, 'How can it be that I've been here for four decades?'"

The years have seen her go from a teenager helping her father with the horses he was training, to working at a track concession stand, to trainer, to president of the Delaware Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and then to its executive director.

In October, she was awarded the Godolphin Thoroughbred Industry Employee Administration Award for exemplary leadership in a racing executive role. Presented for the first time in 2019, the award goes to a person with a high degree of organizational, time management and communication skills; who shows a great attention to detail and is innovative.

Godolphin created the awards, which honor a variety of racetrack and farm employees, as a way to recognize people behind the scenes in racing. Gruwell, who took her current position in 2005, fits the description, and has spent her life with Thoroughbreds.

Born in Havre de Grace, Md., and brought up in Port Deposit, Gruwell is the daughter of Thomas E. Lovelace, who roused her out of bed at 4:30 a.m. to help him care for his horses at Sunview Farm in Delaware. One of five children, Gruwell says each had to take a turn helping on the farm.

At 10, she also was working for a country store across the street from her family's home for $1 an hour and by 16, she was managing the store. She liked business, and after graduating from Perryville High, she decided to go away to college.

Way away. All the way to the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, about an hour north of Denver.

"I was interested in business administration, because I had managed that little store," she recalls. "Plus there was an Air Force ROTC program there. It was a wild teenage thought. I originally wanted to go into the Air Force. The world wasn't the dangerous place it is now."

But after a year, she came home.

"Part of it was a financial issue," she says. "But the other part was I realized I really liked working with the horses a little more than I wanted to admit. I came home to the horses."

She came back to Delaware Park where she grew up, the track she has always considered home. She realized she had always loved the horses; loved trying to figure them out. Trying to get the best out of them—and the people around her.

"I've always allowed life to guide my direction," she says. "After I came back, I got a job with trainer Dean Gaudet. When she left here to go to Bowie, I went with her. It was the first time I worked away from home with the horses."

It was the first opportunity and it wasn't long before she was hired by James Kirk. And it wasn't long before Kirk took his horses to the Fair Grounds in New Orleans and then, six months later, on to Churchill Downs. It was Kentucky Derby time.

"I was enjoying seeing the world on a work dime," Gruwell says. "[And] I was a groom at Churchill the day before the 1983 Derby, when my mother called."

It was usually Gruwell who called home collect once a week on a Sunday evening to get the best rate, in the days before cellphones. "Kids today are in constant contact, but back then, that one call each week was it," she says.

So when the call came the day before the Kentucky Derby, she knew something was wrong. Her father had had a heart attack and was in the hospital. He hadn't wanted his wife to make the call. He wanted his daughter to be at Churchill Downs for the Derby, to see it in person. He wanted her to stay.

She stayed.

"And not only did I see it," she says, "but D. Wayne Lukas was friends with Kirk and needed extra help with his three-horse entry. I got to walk over with the horses to the paddock. Marfa was the pre-race betting favorite, and my parents saw me there. It was unbelievable. Not only did I get to go, my dad got to see me there on ABC Sports."

The next day she came back to Maryland, fully intending to rejoin Kirk's stable that was moving to California, as soon as her dad recovered.

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Left: Bessie Gruwell chats with exercise rider Aimee Hall (and a friend) on the rail at Delaware Park.
Right: Gruwell and track executive John Mooney reminisce over a historic win photo.

Dreams and outer space

But her father had a second heart attack and passed away. She started calling his clients to come pick up their horses. Two owners, Henry Crigler and his mother-in-law Ella Smith, resisted, encouraging her to stay and train their horses.

"I already had my training license, but I wasn't using it, just grooming horses and dreaming about the what ifs with another young woman I worked with, Marge Keefer. She wanted to be a jockey," says Gruwell.

She trained her first official winner for Crigler, and was still training for him 22 years later.

"I'm proud of that," Gruwell says. "He talked me into it. Then Marge came to work for me, became a jockey and the beginnings of two dreams came true. I like to give people an opportunity. What they do with it is up to them."

In those early days, it was people like Crigler, Smith, Gaudet and Kirk who gave Gruwell opportunities. When she was looking for work in the winter, when her stable slowed down, it was Joe Clancy Sr., Raymond Archer and Ross Pearce, who trained for Buckland Farm and is now a steward at the Maryland Jockey Club, who would give her work.

She'd work at the farm or Fair Hill Training Center every day with Clancy's son Joe Jr., now editor at *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*, and exercise rider Bruce Wagner, now the MJC's starter.

Her late husband Richard worked for trainer Charlie Peoples at Sharp Farm in Middletown, Del., as an exercise rider, galloping some of their best horses including Mississippi Mud, Meringue Pie and Dixieland Band.

"It's interesting to see what people morph into," says Gruwell, whose horses won nearly 400 races in her training career. "I had a stable at Sunview Farm. But that farm shut down and so we came here to Delaware Park full time in the late-1980s where our stable grew to 40 horses."

Things were going well, but money is always welcome in the racing business, so when her sister called her in July 1987 and said: "You need to come for an interview and you need to be here in an hour," Gruwell looked down at her barn clothes, then got in her car and went to the interview at DuPont composites.

For the next 12 years she worked in the aerospace industry, building solar panels that went into space and parts for the space shuttle, like the heat shields necessary for re-entry.

It was worse than those 4:30 a.m. wake-up calls her dad used to give her. When she took the DuPont job, it meant getting up at 3:30 a.m. to go to the track to feed and train her horses before going to DuPont.

"My coworkers at DuPont looked at me like I had three heads," she says. But the horses were fun. They didn't seem like work.

"I could use comp time to come to the track to saddle my horse if I had one racing," she says. "Sometimes it would be on my lunch break. And then, I'd go back to work and then come back to the track to do the evening feeding."

A brutal time

It was a lot to handle, but there's always more.

Two years after her father died, at 57 in 1983, her mother, 59, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and Gruwell, her husband and her sister made sure she was well cared for in a nursing home.

One would feed her lunch every day, until 1995, when it became just Bessie and her sister. Richard died of a heart attack in his sleep at age 44. Three years later, her mother passed. As Gruwell talks about it, the smile, so often present, fades.

"Richard and I were together for 12 years," she says. "He was the love of my life, my best friend and business partner. It was a lot, but at the end of the day, life goes on and you have to play the cards you're dealt."

Shortly after Richard Gruwell's death, DuPont's aerospace division was bought and eventually moved to Beltsville, Md. In 1997, so she could continue with her job, Gruwell moved her stable to Laurel Park. She had a successful winter there. Spring found her back at Delaware Park and the following winter back at Laurel.

"I met Jessie Benitez there and started dating," says Gruwell. "We had a daughter in May of 2000, KaylaBelle. She was quite the surprise to my life. She changed the whole makeup of my life and she's the reason I accepted my current position with the DTHA."

Her daughter is 19 now, and a sophomore at the University of Delaware. Gruwell says she's studying to be a teacher.

Paying it forward

Over the years, Gruwell has helped change the lives of others.

"I won a lot of races with jockeys who often wouldn't be given opportunities by other trainers," she says, recalling a young rider who in 1991 was working in her barn for another trainer.

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"Richard and I said, 'Stay here and come work for us.' He spoke very little English and he moved with his trainer. And then later he shows up at the barn on a bicycle and says, 'Me work for you.' It's now winter. Our stable would downsize significantly in winter. And I said, 'How are we going to give him a job when we've just let go of so many of our people?' But we did it and he went to Fair Hill with us and helped us and he got another job washing dishes, too."

The young man was from Costa Rica. He became a jockey, learned English, and from those early steps with Gruwell and trainer Sam Cronk, Juan Umana won the Eclipse Award as champion apprentice of 1993. He won 1,521 races and his horses earned $22.8 million. Gruwell was also there for the early stages of Ramon Dominguez's Hall of Fame riding career as well (his eventual wife Sharon was the trainer's exercise rider).

From the heydays of summer racing, full fields and grandstands in the 1970s and '80s, to daily purses of $35,000 for 10 races to the 1994 Horse Racing Redevelopment Act, Gruwell has witnessed the best, the worst, the struggles and successes of racing at Delaware Park.

Elected president of the DTHA in 1998, she helped horsemen partner with the track and state as it returned to a place of prominence in the region.

"The casino revenue revitalized horse racing in the state. Along with a better purse structure came revenue to create better housing on the backside for our workers, we can house up to 700 people," Gruwell says. "Delaware was the frontier for slots revenue at racetracks. Our assistance fund worked to also improve dental and health benefits, opening an on-site wellness clinic."

One of the things she wants to do better, is to create some type of assisted living home for aging backstretch workers.

"We do so much for our retired horses now," she says. "Why not for the people who keep our industry going every day? It's our own little community and we should find a way to take care of the people that have dedicated their lives to our horses."

Since retiring from training and taking the executive director's post in 2005, she has enjoyed working on the track's popular Owners Day, created to show appreciation to owners. "Without them, we don't have an industry," she says.

She's proud that, while she was president of the DTHA, the Delaware Certified Program was established in 2002 for owners who brought their weanlings and yearlings to Delaware for 90 days. If they did that, they became eligible for bonuses and restricted stakes races—giving Delaware a foothold among other regional states with Thoroughbred breeding industries and preserving farmland throughout the state.

"It's our biggest success story," she says of the program which pays $1 million in bonuses annually. "Havre de Grace, Union Rags and Hard Spun, all came through this program."

Bessie Gruwell (left), winner of Godolphin's 2019 Thoroughbred Industry Employee Administration award, and Lisa See (a 2018 honoree in the awards program) talk horses at Delaware Park.

Coming full circle

As she considers her life, she is slightly surprised to be part of an industry she once thought about leaving.

"Horse racing is not something I ever planned," says Gruwell, 57. "Working with my dad, begrudgingly getting up to go to the barn. I've had great mentors, James Kirk, a big mentor; Henry Crigler and his mother-in-law, Ella Smith, who convinced me to go out on my own to train. It turned the page on a new chapter of my life, for sure.

"In many ways the horses gave me a reason to get up and face another day when it would have been easier to pull the covers over my head. They've been very good to me, but I've also been good to horse racing."

The executive award she received, recognizing her work, "was humbling," she says. "To get the phone call, saying I had been recognized for the hard work you do day in and day out . . . To be recognized by your peers in the industry, it speaks volumes."

After receiving the award and the $7,500 stipend that goes with it, Gruwell went to Keeneland and invested with a friend in some weanlings. She also plans to share a portion of the winnings with co-workers."I couldn't do what I do without their support," she says.

And then she tells how her Keeneland trip brought her participation in the industry full circle.

"I saw D. Wayne Lukas there," she says of the Hall of Fame trainer. "He doesn't know me, but I walked up to him, introduced myself and said, 'I want to share a story with you. You won't remember this, but I'll never forget it.' "

And then she told him about the 1983 Derby, when her dad got to see her in the paddock with Marfa, just before her real racing career was about to begin. ✹

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Dual-purpose stallion Friend Or Foe makes presence felt in Virginia

By Katie Bo Williams

Chester Broman had seller's remorse.

The New York-based owner/breeder had sold his homebred champion New York-bred 3-year-old Friend Or Foe to longtime Virginia horsewoman and Thoroughbred diehard Phyllis Jones in February 2013. Obvious talent notwithstanding—the horse burned through four triple-digit Beyer speed figures in a five-win career—Friend Or Foe had never won in graded company and had little chance of making it as a commercial racing sire. Jones bought the big chestnut as a jumper, and immediately started breeding him to a mix of Thoroughbreds and sport horses at the same time that she was teaching him to jump and taking him to hunter-jumper shows across Virginia.

Broman sent a steady handful of mares to Friend Or Foe every year. In 2013, the owner shipped a graded stakes-placed mare named Speightful Affair to Jones' Smallwood Farm, nestled in the Blue Ridge in Crozet, Va. An $80,000 purchase at Fasig-Tipton's February mixed sale that year, the daughter of Speightstown had one foal, a Sir Whimsey colt still at foot at the time.

Her 2014 foal became the New York-bred star Mr. Buff, who won the Empire Classic in October. A big, later-maturing horse who stands at 17.2 hands, Mr. Buff won as a 2-year-old but came into his own at 4, notching his first black-type win in restricted company in 2018. As a 5-year-old in 2019, he won five of nine starts. Trainer John Kimmel, who also trained Friend Or Foe, said after the Empire Classic that Mr. Buff is "as good a New York-bred as there is."

So, in 2017, when Mr. Buff was a 3-year-old, Broman asked Jones if he could buy the sire back.

Not a chance, Jones said in early December, holding Friend Or Foe on a looped and frayed cotton shank. The horse had a chain over his nose, but its links were loose as he cropped grass, occasionally tugging Jones from patch to patch—more Labrador than Thoroughbred breeding stallion.

"I went up to Saratoga with a couple of friends and we stayed for four or five days," Jones recalled. "We were with [Broman] at the races some and then we went to the farm." And she visited Mr. Buff. But Broman was out of luck.

"Basically I told him that I had been looking for a stallion, and they were hard to find for what I want—a dual purpose, show-horse stallion, and he fit the bill, being correct and big and quiet and all of that—and that was the reason that I didn't want to sell him."

Friend Or Foe—"Friendly" around the barn—is an impressive individual. At 16.3 with a deep girth and a lot of presence, he just looks fast. He won the 8½-furlong Easy Goer Stakes in less than a second off of the track record, beating Grade 1 winner Rail Trip in the process. The son of the Broman-owned Friends Lake and the Unbridled mare Unbridled Star dominated the 9-furlong Empire Classic by 5 lengths going away, notching a 109 Beyer.

Jones, in the old tradition of Virginia horsemen, disparages the trend toward warmbloods in the show ring—"dumb bloods," she calls them—and knows quality when she sees it. She and daughter Robin Mellen, who operates the farm alongside her mother, quickly found Friend Or Foe to have neat knees and a quiet disposition that made him ideal for the hunter-jumper ring. The horse took to jumping "right away," Jones said, and she took him to a string of Virginia shows where he did the green hunters and some jumpers. ("He got

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Virginia stallion Friend Or Foe has found success in the breeding shed, show ring and on the racetrack via winners such as his son Mr. Buff (winning the 2019 Empire Classic at Belmont Park).

some ribbons," Jones said coyly.) A photo from 2013 shows Friend Or Foe floating over a round top against the backdrop of blue mountains at Caitlin Hewitt's farm near Charlottesville, his knees tucked in to his chest and his nose stretched out in a perfect bascule.

But for all his talent, he's an easy horse to be around, Mellen and Jones said. He lives out in the pasture most of the time, and they breed the horse themselves on a raised knoll next to his paddock. (This is not your commercial Kentucky stud farm.) An old photo shows "Friendly" on another loose chain while Mellen's young son holds his halter.

With a 2020 stud fee set at $1,000, the now 13-year-old Friend Or Foe still breeds a mix of Thoroughbred and sport-horse mares.

"It's getting to be 50-50, sport-horse mares and race mares," Mellen said. In 2019, he bred eight of each. By the close of 2019, he had sired 21 Thoroughbreds out of four crops of racing age. Out of those, 11 had started and nine were winners, with Mr. Buff the clear superstar of the bunch.

Mr. Buff may have already won more than $900,000 on the racetrack, but Friend Or Foe's show ring get are only now old enough to start leaving their marks, Jones said.

But there have been obvious signs of ability: Dollywood won the VHSA Yearling Futurity. Forever Friends won the Sallie Wheeler 3-Year-Old Hunter Hack. Prodigious Pete was Best Young Horse at Keswick.

Friend Or Foe stands alongside the gray pony sire Maple Side Wish List, and his get dot the farm. Visitors to the farm will find not only "Friendly" having a good roll in the paddock—but, in another barn on the property, a quiet 6-year-old warmblood cross already hunting with Farmington.

Meanwhile, Mr. Buff romped home 7½ lengths to the good in the $100,000 Alex M. Robb at Aqueduct Dec. 28. ✹

No Second Guessing

Monday Morning Qb bounces back from fever to win stakes on holiday card

BY MARYLAND JOCKEY CLUB. PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM MCCUE

Butch Reid asked a lot and Monday Morning Qb overcame more to give his connections a belated holiday gift on the Christmastide Day program at Laurel Park Dec. 28.

Three weeks removed from missing a chance to start as the morning-line favorite in the Maryland Juvenile Futurity, Monday Morning Qb collected his first black-type mark with a victory in the $100,000 Heft Stakes to lead a big haul for runners bred in the region on the annual stakes-rich card on the weekend between Christmas and New Year's days. The Maryland-bred son of Imagining shipped from Reid's main base at Parx Racing and won the Heft in his third start and stakes debut.

"I was impressed because we asked a lot of him—coming on the road, coming to a track we weren't familiar with and going the seven-eighths of a mile," Reid said of the $25,000 buy at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale. "I always felt this horse was a distance horse. We've only begun to scratch the surface with him. We've got other ideas down the road."

The ideas were scrapped in the Dec. 7 Futurity due to a fever that Reid credited his staff for detecting. He missed that race, won by Laddie Liam, but returned to the Parx work tabs Dec. 15 and the morning of Christmas Eve in preparation for the Heft.

"He was a little bit off his feed," Reid said. "This is a big, good-doing horse and he never misses an oat in the morning. He left a little feed and ended up with a temperature of close to 103. Fortunately he fought it off well and it was only a couple of days, but I'm very glad we didn't push our luck with him last time."

Jorge Vargas Jr. rode Monday Morning Qb, the 2-1 second choice in the field of seven who rated early before rallying to beat New Commission by three-quarters of a length. Favorite Lebda was third.

Owned by Cash is King and LC Racing and purchased by the former's principle, Chuck Zacney, Monday Morning Qb added the Heft to his maiden victory Nov. 16 at Parx. He finished second in his debut Oct. 12 at Parx.

Maryland-bred juvenile Monday Morning Qb leads everyone home in the Heft Stakes.

Reid said he'd most likely look for another stakes spot for the colt co-bred by Bowman and Higgins Stable and Cary Frommer.

"We're going to take it one step at a time," he said. "Now he's out of conditions so there will be a stakes race somewhere for him. We want to go a longer distance, too, so our next stop will probably be to find a two-turn race for him somewhere. That's what I think he's looking for.

"He's actually really bred for the grass, too. His father was a turf horse, so there may be some turf racing in the future for this horse, also. He's a horse that I think we can have a lot of fun with."

Monday Morning Qb was one of four Mid-Atlantic-breds to win a Christmastide Day card stakes, along with fellow Maryland-bred **Majestic Reason** in the $100,000 Willa On the Move, Pennsylvania-bred **Someday Jones** in the $100,000 Native Dancer and Virginia-bred **Bella Aurora** in the $100,000 Gin Talking. Threefiveindia, a Kentucky-bred who shipped in from California, won the day's other six-figure stakes in the $100,000 Dave's Friend.

Hillwood Stable and Richard Golden's Majestic Reason ended a four-race losing streak and scored her second stakes victory in the 6-furlong Willa On the Move. Trevor McCarthy rode the now 5-year-old daughter of Majestic Warrior to the win over Wildcat Combat with 9-5 favorite Baby Boss third.

"She was super sharp. I couldn't believe how sharp she was just coming off a quick layoff," McCarthy said of Majestic Reason, second in the Dec. 7 Politely Stakes. "I was really happy with her. Thumbs up to Graham [Motion] and [assistant] Adrian [Rolls] who have done a tremendous job with this filly. It's always nice when I win for Graham. He's been such a huge part of my career, as many trainers have, but he started me out so it's always a special moment winning races for him."

Country Life Farm's Bella Aurora won for the second time since switching back to the main track in the 7-furlong Gin Talking, closing from last after a half-mile to win by 1½ lengths over 2-1 favorite Ankle Monitor. Julian Pimentel rode the winner for trainer Mike Trombetta, who raved about the Carpe Diem filly's progress since placing in two turf stakes in

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September to winning back-to-back starts at Laurel.

"We've been so happy with her the last couple weeks," Trombetta said. "We had six or seven weeks to work with and she's just trained brilliantly."

Purchased for $87,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale, Bella Aurora was bred by Morgan's Ford Farm out of the Street Cry (Ire) mare Street Interest.

Main Line Racing Stable and Alexandria Stable's Someday Jones added the Native Dancer to his two prior victories over Pennsylvania-breds The now 7-year-old son of Smarty Jones won by 2 lengths to collect his third win (from seven starts) for trainer John Servis in 2019. Through mid-January he'd won 10 of 25 overall and earned $585,130.

"It's nice that he's by Smarty," Servis said. "There's not too many of them out there that are really good and he's a really good one. He beat some good horses today."

Pat Chapman, who bred and raced Smarty Jones with her late husband Roy, bred Someday Jones out of the stakes-placed Concern mare Last Toots.

McCarthy also rode Rockingham Ranch's Threefiveindia, a multiple graded stakes-placed sprinter trained by Peter Miller, in the Dave's Friend.

The now 7-year-old Street Hero gelding won his first stakes in the 6-furlong event, adding it to Grade 3 placings in the 2016 Gallant Bob Stakes and Bold Ruler Handicap and 2017 Fall Highweight Handicap, and a third in the Gravesend.

Miller claimed Threefiveindia for $40,000 out of a third Sept. 19 at Los Alamitos. He then won back-to-back starts in Southern California–risked for the $40,000 in his first start off the claim Nov. 1 at Santa Anita, and an allowance Nov. 14 at Del Mar–before heading to Laurel.

NOTES: Jockey Trevor McCarthy and trainer Claudio Gonzalez topped their peers for the Laurel fall meet and for 2019 in Maryland. McCarthy, 25, won 170 races and amassed $6,183,038 in purses at Laurel and Pimlico Race Course in 2019, adding the yearly title to previous victories in 2014 and 2016. McCarthy won 52 races during the fall meet for his 11th career riding title. Gonzalez, 43, earned his third straight Maryland title with 126 victories. He led the fall meet with 48 wins and more than $1.3 million purses, the 11th time he's won or shared a title at Laurel. ✹

Pennsylvania-bred Someday Jones looks sharp at the line in the Native Dancer.

December stakes results for Laurel Park

12/7 MD Juvenile Filly Championship ($100K). 7 F. Reg. MD-Bred or Sired 2YO F.

Winner: **HELLO BEAUTIFUL** (dk.b./br.f., Golden Lad—Hello Now, by Tiznow). B-Hillwood Stables (Md.). O-Madaket Stables LLC, Mark Frasetto, Mark Parkinson, K-mac Stables and Magic City Stables. T-Brittany Russell. J-Sheldon Russell. Time: 1:22.43. Margin: 11¾. 2nd: **Miss J McKay**. 3rd: **Naughty Thoughts**.

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12/7 Maryland Juvenile Futurity ($100K). 7 F. Reg. MD-Bred or Sired 2YO.

Winner: **LADDIE LIAM** (b.c., Golden Lad—Buffgirl, by Quiet American). B-Hillwood Stables (Md.). O-Joseph E. Besecker. T-Hugh I. McMahon. J-Sheldon Russell. Time: 1:23.51. Margin: 4½. 2nd: **Stone Courageous**. 3rd: **Tommy Shelby**.

12/7 Howard & Sondra Bender Memorial ($75K). 6 F. Reg. MD-Bred or Sired, 3&up.

Winner: **LEWISFIELD** (b.g., 5, Great Notion—Smart Crowd, by Crowd Pleaser). B/O-Linda L. Zang (Md.). T-Jeff C. Runco. J-Horacio Karamanos. Time: 1:09.97. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Still Having Fun**. 3rd: **Clubman**.

12/7 Politely ($75K). 6 F. Reg. MD-Bred or Sired, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ANNA'S BANDIT** (dk.b./br.m., 5, Great Notion—Onearmedbandit, by No Armistice). B/T-John Robb (W.Va.). O-No Guts No Glory Farm. J-Xavier Perez. Time: 1:10.38. Margin: 1. 2nd: **Majestic Reason**. 3rd: **Three Hawk**.

12/28 Dave's Friend ($100K). 6F. 3&up.

Winner: **THREEFIVEINDIA** (ch.g., 6, Street Hero—Palacio de Amor, by Dixieland Band). B-Myung Kwon Cho and Jun Park (Ky.). O-Rockingham Ranch. T-Peter Miller. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:09.60. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Arch Cat**. 3rd: **Smooth B**.

12/28 Gin Talking ($100K). 7 F. 2YO F.

Winner: **BELLA AURORA** (ch.f., Carpe Diem—Street Interest, by Street Cry-Ire). B-Morgan's Ford Farm (Va.). O-Country Life Farm. T-Michael J. Trombetta. J-Julian Pimentel. Time: 1:24.24. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **Ankle Monitor**. 3rd: **Naughty Thoughts**.

12/28 Heft ($100K). 7 F. 2YO.

Winner: **MONDAY MORNING QB** (dk.b./br.c., Imagining—How My Heart Works, by Not For Love). B-Bowman and Higgins Stable and Cary Frommer (Md.). O-Cash is King and LC Racing. T-Robert E. Reid Jr. J-Jorge A. Vargas Jr. Time: 1:23.46. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **New Commission**. 3rd: **Lebda**.

12/28 Native Dancer ($100K). 1⅛ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **SOMEDAY JONES** (dk.b./br.h., 6, Smarty Jones—Last Toots, by Concern). B-Patricia Chapman (Pa.). O-Main Line Racing Stable and Alexandria Stable. T-John C. Servis. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:49.23. Margin: 2. 2nd: **Alwaysmining**. 3rd: **Monongahela**.

12/28 Willa On the Move ($100K). 6 F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **MAJESTIC REASON** (b.f., 4, Majestic Warrior—Love's Reason, by Not For Love). B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds and Ellen Charles (Md.). O-Hillwood Stable LLC and Richard L. Golden. T-H. Graham Motion. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:10.68. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Wildcat Combat**. 3rd: **Baby Boss**.

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Shoot and Score

Hockey Puck finds back of net with win in Pennsylvania Nursery for McClellan

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY EQUI-PHOTO, INC.

Erin McClellan had high hopes for Wagon Wheel Farm's homebred Hockey Puck from the time he arrived at her Penn National barn. The Well Spelled gelding delivered on that promise with an early September maiden victory at Parx Racing and then the $100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes Dec. 7.

The competition in the Nursery—a Pennsylvania-bred race that launched the career of dual classic winner Smarty Jones in 2003—looked salty and even McClellan had her doubts.

"When I saw that Mike Trombetta had entered [multiple stakes winner] Newstome in the race, I thought we might be running for second money," said McClellan.

Not only was Newstome a dangerous opponent, so was Delaware Park stakes winner Golden Candy for trainer Tony Pecoraro.

Dismissed at 13-1, Hockey Puck gave an early Christmas present to McClellan and handicappers when he rallied from off the pace, ducked out a bit at the head of the lane and drove past Golden Candy to win by a half-length. Even-money choice Newstome finished third after dueling with Golden Candy most of the 7 furlongs.

The victory was Hockey Puck's second in five starts, as he broke his maiden in a rich $75,650 special weight Sept. 2. The Nursery win and then a fifth in the Heft Stakes Dec. 28 at Laurel gave him earnings of $122,430 for 2019.

"From the start, we thought that Hockey Puck could run," said McClellan. "When he worked, he could have posted bullets if we asked him to, as his works were always very easy."

McClellan said that after breaking his maiden the gelding was given a short layoff, and brought back in an Aqueduct allowance as a prep.

"We were hoping he was talented enough for the Nursery, as that was our target," she said.

Hockey Puck got his name because his owner and breeder Dr. Bernie Farrell had left his foal-watching post to attend a local hockey game. Hockey Puck's dam, Katydid's Career, was two weeks past her due date, and Farrell, primarily a dairy veterinarian, thought it might be safe to leave and perhaps get back in time. But while at the game, he received the news that Katydid's Career had produced a colt, a breeding made possible when Farrell won a season to Well Spelled in a raffle conducted by New Start, Penn National's Thoroughbred retirement program.

"Hockey Puck is very correct, very flashy, and I describe him as a 'people person,'" said McClellan. "He loves people. He's a doll."

The gelding's Nursery triumph was the first stakes win for Farrell, whose previous best moment as a breeder was an allowance win. Hockey Puck was the second Nursery winner sired by a stallion at Judy Barrett's Godstone Farm in Littlestown, Pa. She bred St. John's Gospel, a son of Activist, who won the race in 2008.

Barrett said one of the main reasons she was interested in standing Well Spelled was because of his dam, the Well Decorated mare Well.

"Hockey Puck's grandsire is Raja Baba, and I used to gallop Raja Baba when I exercised horses for [trainer] Del Carroll many years ago," said Barrett, a former jockey. "Raja Baba was a leading 2-year-old sire and Well Spelled is showing that same ability."

Well Spelled, a son of Spellbinder, was a talented sprinter who won the Jersey Shore Stakes-G3 at Monmouth Park and Gallant Bob Stakes at Parx and earned $364,160.

McClellan has enjoyed success with the progeny of Well Spelled and saddled his first stakes winner when Well Graced won the 2018 Strike Your Colors Stakes at Delaware.

"I partner with Judy [Barrett] and I get a few Well Spelleds every year," said McClellan. "Right now, I've got seven of them in my barn, including Fish to Fry."

Fish to Fry, a multiple allowance-winning 4-year-old filly out of the Northern Afleet mare Fish Bowl, won six of nine starts in 2019 and earned $99,586 to pad her career bankroll to $110,913. She and Old Faithful each won six races to finish to tie for most wins in 2019 at Penn National.

Hockey Puck gets some respect in the Pennsylvania Nursery.

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Around the Ovals *Parx Racing*

■ Joseph Taylor made a huge leap up the trainer standings in 2019 at Parx. He won 29 races in 2018 and improved to 103 last year, finishing atop the standings for his first title. Scott Lake won 69 to finish second with Patricia Farro third at 55.

Taylor racked up his wins primarily in the claiming ranks, with the hard-knocking D T Goodie ($192,441), Celesse ($175,088) and Fix Me a Sandwich ($150,800) leading the way.

Six of Fix Me a Sandwich's seven 2019 wins came at Parx, anointing him as the track's winningest horse of the year. The now 4-year-old son of To Honor and Serve was claimed by Taylor for $20,000 in February 2019 off a last-place finish at Parx. The gelding won for his new barn in April, but really turned it on late in the year when he captured five races, including three in a row to end the season.

Taylor got his start with Standardbreds in the 1970s before leaving the game until 2004, when he returned to Parx and began working for trainer Anthony Correnti. Taylor passed his trainer's test in 2007 but decided to leave the backstretch again to take a job driving a truck. By 2016, he was back at Parx again, saddling two winners from three starters, and the victories snowballed.

"Before I knew it, I had a barnful of horses," he said. "But I wouldn't have been able to be so successful without my staff, they're phenomenal."

Frankie Pennington and Mychel Sanchez battled for leading rider honors until the final day of racing Dec. 31 and finished tied atop the standings with 146 wins. Jack Armstrong was Parx's top owner, winning 43 races, one more than Top Notch Racing. Armstrong's horses earned $1,134,879.

■ The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association announced in late December that beginning in 2020 the takeout rate for certain wagers at Parx would be reduced across the board. Rates for trifectas, previously 30 percent, and Pick 3s, Pick 4s and Pick 6s, which were among the nation's highest at 26 percent, would be trimmed to 25 percent. ✹

December stakes results for Parx Racing

12/7 Pennsylvania Nursery ($100K). 7 F. Reg. PA-Bred 2YO.

Winner: **HOCKEY PUCK** (b.g., Well Spelled—Katydid's Career, by Cat's Career). B/O-Wagon Wheel Farm (Pa.). T-Erin C. McClellan. J-Tyler Conner. Time: 1:25.44. Margin: ½. 2nd: **Golden Candy**. 3rd: **Newstome**.

Around the Ovals *Penn National*

Kreiser again rules trainer standings at Penn National

Like he's done for the last several years, Tim Kreiser continued his annual presence atop the Penn National training table in 2019, saddling 45 more winners than Kim Graci. Kreiser sent out 125 winners from 465 starters, ending the year with a 27-percent strike rate. Brandon Kulp rounded out the top three with 78 winners.

Jockey Edwin Gonzalez was Penn's leading jockey, winning 219 races at a 31-percent clip. Gonzalez booted home 76 more winners than Tyler Conner, with Inoel Beato and Julio Hernandez locked in third with 130.

Joe Besecker, who dispersed most of his horses at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale, was the track's leading owner, winning 49 races and $770,720. Tom Coulter was second with 32 winners, mostly homebreds, and the Bush Racing Stable was third with 27 winners.

■ The progeny of leading New Jersey stallion Hey Chub kept winning in late 2019, with Cutefacechubywaist prevailing in a Pennsylvania-bred allowance Dec. 7 for Kulp.

The then 3-year-old filly may have inherited her talent from her dam Geeky Gorgeous, a multiple stakes winner who earned $525,644 over four seasons. Geeky Gorgeous, a daughter of Devil His Due, was owned, trained and bred by Danny Lopez, and won six stakes across the Mid-Atlantic region.

Cutefacechubywaist, also bred by Lopez, sold for $4,500 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale. Now owned by M3 Racing, she earned $61,245 in 2019.

Hey Chub has sired 47 foals of racing age, 41 of which have started and 33 have won (80 percent winners from starters), through late December. Three are black-type winners, including Brother Chub, who won the $100,000 Claiming Crown Express Stakes Dec. 7 at Gulfstream Park.

■ After paying nearly $120 million for licensing fees, Penn National Gaming announced that work had begun on a new mini casino, christened Hollywood Casino York. With 80,000 square feet of floor space, the facility will feature up to 750 slot machines and 40 table games, a sports and race book and provide about 200 new permanent jobs. The facility will be located in a vacant Sears store in the York Galleria Mall, with construction expected to be completed by 2021.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania awarded Penn National two Category 4 licenses in 2018, with another facility, Hollywood Casino Morgantown, expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2020.

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Wagering, purse increases fuel strong Charles Town season in 2019

The 2019 racing season at Charles Town Races concluded Dec. 21 with total pari-mutuel handle of $2.01 million for nine races, which put an exclamation point on another year of growth for the West Virginia track in terms of wagering-per-race statistics.

And largely because of legislative action in the winter of 2019, purses increased year-over-year by almost $3 million.

The amount wagered per race in 2019 was $156,311, an increase of 5.7 percent from the previous record of $147,818 established in 2018. It was the fifth consecutive year the figure increased, according to track statistics.

About 10 years ago, the average was $80,980 when Charles Town offered more than 200 live racing programs a year. In recent years the track has raced 160-165 programs per year.

Charles Town also set its one-day handle record last year when $5,720,375 was wagered on the Charles Town Classic program in April.

"The job our entire team has done has been nothing short of exemplary in nearly doubling our wagering per race over the last decade," said Erich Zimny, vice president of racing and sports operations at Charles Town. "Depending on how the industry performs over the last quarter of the year, we're likely more than 70 points ahead of the national wagering-per-race trend from 2009 through the end of 2019, and you don't make those significant of strides without everyone on the same side and wanting the same thing.

"Every department we have has contributed a significant piece to this as have all of the business partners we've maintained valuable relationships with over the years."

The West Virginia legislature last year passed, and the governor signed, a bill that restored an estimated $11 million a year to the racing industry for purses. Charles Town received the largest share based on revenue generated from video lottery terminals at its casino.

The track reported total purses of $26.14 million in 2019, up 11.8 percent from $23.37 in 2018. The additional funds–the money previously had gone to pay down a state workers' compensation fund debt and later were shifted to a general VLT fund for other uses by the state–weren't available until August.

Based on 1,355 races (overnights and stakes), the average purse at Charles Town last year was $19,297. In 2018 the average was $18,011 over 1,298 races.

■ The leading owner for 2019 by wins and earnings was Grams Racing Stable, which captured the $1 million Charles Town Classic with Runnin'toluvya. The stable won 38 races–one-third of its starts–and collected $1,208,566.

Robert Cole Jr., who finished one win behind with 37, had a stellar victory rate of 48 percent, and his runners were in the top three 77 percent of the time. Taylor Mountain Farm and John McKee each collected 27 wins to round out the top three.

Jeff Runco coasted to his 14th consecutive training title at Charles Town with 123 victories, followed by Ronney Brown with 85 and Tim Grams with 60. Runco also topped the earnings category among trainers with $2,684,374 from 520 starts.

For the second time, Arnaldo Bocachica topped the jockey standings at Charles Town in wins and earnings. He won 182 races–a 33 percent win clip–and accounted for $3,222,559 in earnings. Christian Hiraldo was second with 91 victories, followed by Keimar Trotman with 81.

David Raim's multiple stakes winner Penguin Power, trained by Runco, topped the horse standings in 2019 with eight wins at Charles Town. Six horses were tied for second, each with six victories: Melinda Golden's Parisian Diva; Cuttin Edge Tech and C. D. Jammin, both owned by Cole; Javier Contreras' Last Print; Top Notch Racing's Sherwood Lady; and Edwin Tobin's Like Me Or Not.

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Jump Start	*$10,000 deceased*	*16*	*14%*	*$62,639*	*$3,606*	*$24,691*	*1.40/1.28*
Great Notion	$7,500	14	17%	$81,749	$5,295	$33,999	1.51/1.21
Warrior's Reward	$5,000	8	14%	$51,275	$3,649	$19,370	1.04/1.34
Friesan Fire	$4,000	7	13%	$64,149	$4,056	$27,513	1.20/1.25

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A potential Golden find for Northview, Maryland

BY JOHN P. SPARKMAN

Since its inception in 1989, Northview Stallion Station has become the Coolmore of the Mid-Atlantic region, with the leading Mid-Atlantic stallion standing at either the Maryland or Pennsylvania divisions 23 times in 31 years. During those three-plus decades Northview stalwarts such as Smarten, Caveat, Two Punch, Polish Numbers, Not For Love and Jump Start ruled the Mid-Atlantic list almost as thoroughly as Coolmore's 30 consecutive years of leading English sires since 1990.

Jump Start died in May 2019 and his predecessor Not For Love passed away three years earlier, but Northview may have found a worthy successor in its Maryland-based freshman sire Golden Lad, whose first crop of 68 foals included the winners of both the Maryland Juvenile Futurity and the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship at Laurel Park Dec. 7.

Bred and raced by the late Joyce Robsham, Golden Lad is one of 146 stakes winners sired by top international sire Medaglia d'Oro, who has yet to sire an obvious successor, with Kentucky-based Violence and Pennsylvania's Warrior's Reward his two most successful sons. Robsham purchased Golden Lad's dam, Broadway Gold, by Seeking the Gold, for $600,000 at the 2003 Keeneland September yearling sale. Broadway Gold was the first foal out of the Grade 2-placed filly Miss Doolittle, a Storm Cat daughter of 1992 champion 2-year-old filly Eliza, by Mt. Livermore, also the dam of Irish stakes winner Samuel Morse, by Danehill Dancer.

Broadway Gold justified that purchase price by winning the Astoria Stakes at Belmont as a 2-year-old, and her value increased further when her half-brother Dialed In, by Mineshaft, captured the 2011 Florida Derby-G1. Golden Lad's subsequent successes led to Broadway Gold's sale to SF Bloodstock for $950,000 at the 2015 Keeneland November sale in foal to Medaglia d'Oro. Dialed In has since become a successful young sire at Darby Dan Farm, where he will stand for $20,000 in 2020.

Golden Lad is Broadway Gold's fourth foal, following multiple stakes winner R Gypsy Gold, by Bernardini, and Grade 2 winner Broadway's Alibi, by Vindication. Golden Lad's early career followed a relatively unusual pattern for trainer Todd Pletcher, whose promising runners typically move to stakes company with alacrity. Golden Lad didn't race at 2, and broke his maiden at Monmouth Park in July as a 3-year-old, then ran second in two allowances before ripping off three victories under similar conditions at Gulfstream Park between November 2013 and February 2014.

Golden Lad won his first stakes attempt, drawing off to beat Majestic City by 6¾ lengths, in the Razorback Handicap-G3 at Oaklawn Park, but after being well beaten in the Oaklawn Handicap-G2 and the Pimlico Special-G3, did not race again until the following year. Fifth in his comeback race in the Hal's Hope-G3, he won again at Oaklawn in the Essex Handicap, but could only finish fourth in the Oaklawn Handicap.

Golden Lad outclassed Kid Cruz by 5 lengths in the Mountainview Handicap at Penn National, and followed up with another good win in the Prairie Meadows Cornhusker Handicap-G3, but that proved to be his last start. He retired to Northview with eight wins in 15 starts for earnings of $645,320, and stood his first season in 2016. He was the busiest stallion in the region that first year, covering 104 mares.

As his first crop was coming to the races last year, three of his 2-year-old colts in training sold for six figures, bringing $175,000 and $120,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale, and $115,000 at Ocala in June. By year's end, 11 juveniles sold for an average of $113,909 (median $50,000).

Golden Lad's first foals came out running—with 10 winners from 18 starters in 2019, led by Hello Beautiful (out of Hello Now, by Tiznow) who became Golden Lad's first winner July 27 at Laurel Park. Bred by Ellen Charles' Hillwood Stables and trained by Brittany Russell, Hello Beautiful closed her season with consecutive dominating victories in the Maryland Million Lassie and the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship.

Laddie Liam (Buffgirl, by Quiet American) began his career a bit later, winning his second outing at Laurel Sept. 20, but closed with two wins at Laurel—an allowance in November and a 4½-length score in the Maryland Juvenile Futurity. Laddie Liam was also bred by Hillwood, and raced for Joe Besecker and trainer Hugh McMahon before being sold for a sale-topping $450,000 to DJ Stable and trainer Gary Contessa at Besecker's dispersal at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December sale.

Golden Lad's 10 winners also include the stakes-placed filly She'smysunshine (Hopefally, by Officer) who was third in the Parx Juvenile Fillies Stakes and has been on the board in five of six starts. Both of his stakes fillies are out of Relaunch-line mares. Broodmare sire lines of the other eight runners among his top 10 juvenile earners of 2019 are Mr. Prospector (five); Blushing Groom (Fr) (two) and Northern Dancer (one).

With first crop progeny earnings of $666,471, Golden Lad placed 19th nationally and lead the region's freshman sire rankings ahead of similar strong seasons by Bourbon Courage ($567,242) and Imagining ($416,937).

With the Mid-Atlantic stallion ranks thinned by the deaths of Northview's most recent leading sires, there is room at the top, and Golden Lad may be on his way to filling that void. ✹

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STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2019

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.
These statistics were supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS). Exact date is at the discretion of TJCIS. †Denotes freshman sire.
The following statistics, compiled on December 31, reflect 2019 earnings for all countries in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere reported to TJCIS.

		Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./ Runners	Avg./ Runner	Stakes Winners
1.	Jump Start (deceased)	1,413	222	1,400	100	162	Hey Mamaluke ($222,019)	$5,506,779	45	$24,805	8
2.	Warrior's Reward (Pa)	548	220	1,442	111	190	Night Ops ($249,921)	4,300,156	50	19,546	2
3.	Fiber Sonde (WV)	242	95	668	67	160	Runnin'toluvya ($621,660)	3,859,723	71	40,629	7
4.	Great Notion (Md)	335	94	596	55	103	Anna's Bandit ($401,830)	3,195,902	59	33,999	3
5.	El Padrino (deceased)	155	84	473	48	72	Taco Supream ($201,127)	2,757,418	57	32,826	3
6.	Friesan Fire (Md)	227	98	642	51	84	Call Paul ($294,220)	2,723,790	52	27,794	3
7.	Flashback (Pa)	165	90	423	38	55	British Idiom ($1,381,250)	2,645,811	42	29,398	1
8.	Windsor Castle (deceased)	363	88	708	58	113	Castle Bound ($152,044)	2,236,992	66	25,420	3
9.	Not For Love (deceased)	975	48	493	34	74	Clubman ($242,207)	2,066,417	71	43,050	1
10.	Poseidon's Warrior (Pa)	196	106	683	51	73	Firenze Fire ($567,650)	1,892,069	48	17,850	1
11.	Weigelia (Pa)	131	53	484	32	52	Chasing My Halo ($120,434)	1,684,409	60	31,781	0
12.	Street Magician (Md)	137	59	366	27	49	So Street ($158,933)	1,490,618	46	25,265	1
13.	Limehouse (WV)	462	81	562	44	73	Lymebyrd ($104,492)	1,472,125	54	18,174	0
14.	Orientate (pensioned)	845	60	460	37	60	The Great Provider ($100,324)	1,441,916	62	24,032	1
15.	Smarty Jones (Pa)	750	106	609	40	53	Someday Jones ($230,850)	1,429,761	38	13,488	2
16.	Super Ninety Nine (Md)	64	42	241	24	46	Tommy Shelby ($111,596)	1,244,650	57	29,635	0
17.	Talent Search (Pa)	159	42	349	29	48	I'm the Talent ($135,190)	1,239,326	69	29,508	1
18.	Charitable Man (deceased)	189	80	556	37	67	Hero's Man ($108,704)	1,235,331	46	15,442	0
19.	Seville (Ger) (deceased)	164	76	428	25	39	Las Setas ($226,890)	1,118,471	33	14,717	2
20.	Exclusive Quality (deceased)	346	62	445	31	53	Wishful Quality ($86,060)	1,020,023	50	16,452	0
21.	Despite the Odds (WV)	67	40	311	25	39	Port Louis ($76,192)	1,013,839	63	25,346	1
22.	Redeemed (Md)	93	40	280	21	30	Friday Mass ($105,988)	970,646	53	24,266	0
23.	Hey Chub (NJ)	46	26	126	14	27	Brother Chub ($158,540)	960,549	54	36,944	1
24.	Uptowncharlybrown (Pa)	38	20	116	11	17	Midnightcharly ($267,888)	955,615	55	47,781	2
25.	Boisterous (Pa)	82	44	262	21	28	Loud Mouth ($96,780)	938,841	48	21,337	0
26.	Bandbox (Md)	57	32	165	19	28	Artful Splatter ($102,385)	938,254	59	29,320	0
27.	Rockport Harbor (deceased)	471	36	315	24	53	Blue Harbor ($95,316)	851,625	67	23,656	2
28.	Silver Train (deceased)	539	66	459	30	45	Nellie Mac ($82,913)	839,863	45	12,725	0
29.	Mr. Sidney (Va)	127	39	317	21	31	Mr. Alec ($91,100)	830,117	54	21,285	1
30.	Tritap (deceased)	40	27	178	14	21	Tappin Cat ($128,272)	737,519	52	27,316	0
31.	Petionville (Md)	752	36	206	14	27	Trace of Grace ($161,480)	717,118	39	19,920	1
32.	Denis of Cork (WV)	130	39	340	19	39	B's Wild Cork ($93,190)	710,004	49	18,205	1
33.	Mad Flatter (deceased)	48	24	222	18	28	Glowing Star ($79,654)	703,025	75	29,293	0
34.	Outflanker (Md)	568	30	203	15	26	Leap to Glory ($97,256)	670,429	50	22,348	0
35.	†Golden Lad (Md)	62	18	68	10	15	Hello Beautiful ($166,558)	666,471	56	37,026	2
36.	Medallist (Pa)	204	16	132	11	22	Winning the Medal ($114,220)	651,802	69	40,738	0
37.	Cal Nation (Pa)	49	28	241	16	22	Ournationonparade ($65,920)	639,905	57	22,854	1
38.	Machen (WV)	69	33	274	20	42	Shy Guy ($59,184)	627,144	61	19,004	0
39.	Crown of Thorns (Pa)	55	27	175	12	27	Crown and Sugar ($116,490)	621,419	44	23,016	1
40.	Bullsbay (WV)	86	38	224	13	21	Dancing Bull ($85,660)	591,387	34	15,563	0
41.	Lord Shanakill (Pa)	203	55	422	34	55	Old Fox ($34,978)	584,042	62	10,619	0
42.	Friend Or Foe (Va)	19	8	38	6	11	Mr. Buff ($455,750)	571,306	75	71,413	1
43.	†Bourbon Courage (Md)	44	22	76	8	10	Raging Whiskey ($111,927)	567,242	36	25,784	1
44.	Albert the Great (pensioned)	412	29	220	15	25	Screen Saver ($56,990)	532,850	52	18,374	0
45.	Well Spelled (Pa)	24	16	112	10	19	Hockey Puck ($122,430)	497,513	63	31,095	1
46.	Rock Slide (pensioned)	282	15	108	10	17	Rocky Policy ($205,631)	476,140	67	31,743	1
47.	Nicanor (pensioned)	44	20	147	13	21	Fearless Terp ($82,049)	472,250	65	23,613	0
48.	Done Talking (SC)	16	12	107	11	26	Lonely Drifter ($111,638)	465,494	92	38,791	0
49.	Fairbanks (deceased)	229	31	221	12	19	Jeezum Jim ($70,528)	452,603	39	14,600	0
50.	Swiss Yodeler (WV)	785	33	232	17	27	Alpine Moon ($56,405)	431,510	52	13,076	0
51.	Buffum (deceased)	23	13	84	9	18	Stormin Hongkong ($92,965)	431,162	69	33,166	1
52.	†Imagining (Md)	50	17	73	5	6	Monday Morning Qb ($105,000)	416,937	29	24,526	1
53.	Louis Quatorze (deceased)	991	22	156	8	11	Dothat Dance ($58,530)	389,494	36	17,704	0
54.	Rimrod (Pa)	112	16	107	7	10	J J Loves Billy ($79,926)	363,171	44	22,698	0
55.	Cable Boy (deceased)	23	6	44	2	6	Optic Way ($205,713)	345,101	33	57,517	1
56.	King Puma (NJ)	26	8	47	2	6	Love Is Your Name ($193,815)	328,297	25	41,037	0
57.	Il Postino (NJ)	16	9	75	5	7	Irish Meadow ($70,237)	320,261	56	35,585	0
58.	Our Entourage (WV)	25	13	91	10	22	Chiefs Kingdom ($89,411)	316,720	77	24,363	0
59.	Bop (deceased)	192	13	100	6	17	C. D. Jammin ($97,990)	308,972	46	23,767	0
60.	Lion Hearted (deceased)	624	16	105	8	13	Tricky Lion ($112,307)	305,492	50	19,093	0
61.	Capo Bastone (WV)	30	17	83	8	12	Starship Nala ($70,000)	302,706	47	17,806	0
62.	Gattopardo (WV)	28	10	70	6	8	Opera Nite ($104,622)	291,802	60	29,180	0
63.	Winchill (Pa)	22	11	43	6	8	Word On a Wing ($93,240)	281,757	55	25,614	0
64.	Partner's Hero (Pa)	463	16	100	6	6	Zipper's Hero ($93,070)	278,743	38	17,421	1
65.	Don Six (NJ)	92	15	93	4	5	Don's Escapade ($60,650)	271,840	27	18,123	0

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Boisterous moves from California to Pennsylvania

One of the top young stallions in California has relocated to Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, Pa., for 2020. Grade 1 winner Boisterous, California's leading freshman sire in 2018 and leading sophomore sire in 2019, will stand his first season in Pennsylvania for $3,000.

The 13-year-old son of Distorted Humor was bred in Kentucky by Cynthia Phipps and raced for Phipps Stable and trainer Shug McGaughey. Boisterous won eight stakes and placed in seven others over five seasons, with his most important victory coming in the 2013 Man o' War-G1 when he defeated a full field including Twilight Eclipse, Exclusive Strike, Finnegans Wake and Optimizer. Other stakes wins came in back-to-back editions of the Red Smith Handicap-G2 and Knickerbocker-G3 in 2011 and 2012, the Monmouth-G2 over future champion turf horse Big Blue Kitten, the Fort Marcy-G3 and Three Coins Up. Boisterous had three Grade 1 placings in the Manhattan, Man o' War and Woodford Reserve Turf Classic. He retired with a 12-3-4 record from 35 starts, with earnings of $1,458,792.

Boisterous entered stud in 2015 at Tommy Town Thoroughbreds near Santa Ynez, and in his first crop sired stakes-winning filly Kookie Gal. More than half of his 25 winners won at 2. His two crops to race have earned more than $1.3 million, good for third among active sires on the Mid-Atlantic's second-crop sires list for 2019.

Out of the stakes-winning, multiple graded stakes-placed Cox's Ridge mare Emanating, Boisterous is a half-brother to Peyton, a three-time graded stakes-placed earner of $519,717, and stakes-placed Lulu Le' Mon. His second dam, graded stakes winner Lead Kindly Light, a half-sister to graded winner and sire Out of Place, also produced NYRA Mile-G1 winner Gold Fever. Also found in the family is four-time Grade 1-winning millionaire Versailles Treaty, Grade 1 winner and Grade 1 sire Bellamy Road, and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-G1 winner George Vancouver.

Top West Virginia sire Windsor Castle dies

It was a royal run for Windsor Castle, one of the most productive stallions in West Virginia history. News of the 22-year-old stallion's death came Jan. 14, just weeks before the start of his 16th breeding season at James Casey's Taylor Mountain Farm in Charles Town.

If millionaire Down Town Allen was his only offspring, Windsor Castle would have been considered a success. A member of his third crop bred, owned and trained by James Casey's son John, Down Town Allen won 25 of 42 starts, 22 stakes, and earned $1,029,387. Down Town Allen is one of six West Virginia-breds to reach seven figures in earnings, and the only mare.

Windsor Castle has sired 16 additional stakes winners, including multiple stakes-winning filly Boundtobebad in last year's crop of 2-year-olds. His offspring have won 16 West Virginia Breeders Classics races, and include three-time Dash for Cash winner Greenway Court, an earner of $485,195; two-time Onion Juice winner Help a Brother; and 2019 Classic winner Castle Bound.

From 13 crops to race, Windsor Castle's runners have earned in excess of $17.3 million – for eight consecutive years his progeny earnings topped $1 million, and two of the past three years exceeded $2 million, with the majority amassed at Charles Town.

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He has 82 percent winners from starters, and his runners have average earnings of $59,905.

West Virginia's leading sire of 2017, Windsor Castle was the top ranked stallion in the state, among those stallions with West Virginia-sired crops, for the majority of the past decade. He regularly bred more than 50 mares a year; in his final season he covered 41.

Windsor Castle was purchased at the end of his racing career by Casey from Dogwood Stable. The son of Lord Carson out of the stakes-winning It's Freezing mare Frigidette had earned $591,715 while racing from 2 to 6, and won or placed in 11 stakes, all graded, in 29 starts. Winner of the Grade 2 Remsen at 2 and the Grade 3 Hal's Hope and William Donald Schaefer at 5, he also placed in eight stakes.

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Imagining gets first stakes winner

The first stakes winner for Grade 1-winning millionaire Imagining, who stands at Anchor and Hope Farm in Port Deposit, Md., came with Monday Morning Qb's victory in the $100,000 Heft Stakes at Laurel Park Dec. 28.

The Parx Racing-based juvenile, trained by Butch Reid, was making his stakes debut in his third start. A winner at Parx in November, the dark bay owned by Cash is King and LC Racing was the second choice of seven against open company. Rating off the early leaders, he took the lead in the stretch and won by three-quarters of a length in 1:23.46 for 7 furlongs.

Bred by Bowman and Higgins Stable and Cary Frommer, Monday Morning Qb is the first foal for his dam How My Heart Works, a winning daughter of Not For Love.

With five winners in his first crop of 54 2-year-olds, and progeny earnings of $416,937, Imagining ranked fifth on the Mid-Atlantic's 2-year-old sires list.

The 12-year-old son of Giant's Causeway raced from 3 to 7, won nine races, five stakes, and earned $1,177,394 in 26 starts, all on the turf. His biggest victory came in the Man o' War Stakes-G1 going gate-to-wire to defeat Real Solution. Other scores came in the Pan American-G3, Red Smith Handicap-G3, Bowl Game and Idle Rich. He placed in four Grade 1 stakes: the Gulfstream Park Turf Handicap, Sword Dancer Invitational, Joe Hirsch Turf Classic and Hollywood Derby.

BARBARA D. LIVINGSTON

The chestnut entered stud at Heritage Stallions in Chesapeake City, Md. for the 2016 season and stood his first season at Anchor and Hope two years later.

From the powerful sire family descending from champion Numbered Account, Imagining is out of the multiple graded stakes-winning mare Daydreaming (by A.P. Indy), a full-sister to Grade 1-winning sprinter Girolamo, graded winner Accelerator and to the dam of Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Super Saver; his second dam is graded winner Get Lucky; his third dam is Grade 1 winner Dance Number, dam of champion Rhythm and longtime leading Mid-Atlantic sire Not For Love.

Imagining stands for $7,500 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses, as the property of a syndicate.

NEWS AND NOTES

Bullsbay moves to West Virginia

Bullsbay, the Mid-Atlantic region's leading freshman sire of 2014, has been purchased by Ronney and Nicole Brown and moved to their Pellinor Lane Farm in Rippon, W.Va.

The Grade 1-winning son of Tiznow is the sire of juvenile stakes winners Greatbullsoffire, Miss Bullistic and Unrideabull, the latter a three-time stakes winner at Charles Town. Bullsbay's richest runner is $414,663 earner and six-time stakes-placed Bullheaded Boy.

Winner of Saratoga's 2009 Whitney Handicap-G1, and an earner of $923,245, Bullsbay is out of The Hess Express (by Lord Carson), a stakes-placed winner of $154,993 and dam of three other stakes winners – graded winner Our Khrysty ($313,260), three-time stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Vegas No Show, and Hidden Expression – all stakes winners at 2.

The solid bay 16-year-old stands for $1,500 live foal, with special consideration to mares foaling in West Virginia.

Mr. Prankster gets first winner

West Virginia stallion Mr. Prankster, who stands at Stehr Farm in Ranson, got his first winner with his first starter when Distorted Splendor dominated maiden special weight company against a full field of juvenile fillies Dec. 14 at Charles Town. The dark bay filly led at every call, pulling away to win by 8 lengths. Bred and owned by Tabitha Brady, the Joe Stehr trainee is out of the winning A. P Jet mare Hot and Bothered.

A multiple stakes winner of $306,468, Mr. Prankster captured the Turfway Prevue and WEBN Stakes at Turfway Park at 3, and was stakes-placed twice, including a second in the Fitz Dixon Jr. Memorial at Presque Isle at 2. A son of the Distorted Humor stallion It's No Joke, Mr. Prankster is out of the Avenue of Flags mare Cremedelacramer, who also produced stakes winner Atticus Jack.

Mr. Prankster has two registered foals in his first crop of current 3-year-olds. He stands free to approved mares.

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MD-bred: HELLO BEAUTIFUL, LADDIE LIAM, LEWISFIELD, MAJESTIC REASON, MONDAY MORNING QB, PETE'S PLAY CALL. NJ-bred: BROTHER CHUB. PA-bred: HOCKEY PUCK, MIRTH, PUMPKIN RUMBLE, SOMEDAY JONES. VA-bred: BELLA AURORA. WV-bred: ANNA'S BANDIT, YES I SEE.

Maryland-bred

HELLO BEAUTIFUL

Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes
$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired 2-year-old fillies.
Laurel Park, Dec. 7.

	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado (Ire)	Sadler's Wells
			Lady Capulet
		Cappucino Bay	Bailjumper
Golden Lad			Dubbed In
	Broadway Gold	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector
			Con Game
		Miss Doolittle	Storm Cat
Hello Beautiful, dk.b./br.f., 2017			Eliza
	Tiznow	Cee's Tizzy	Relaunch
			Tizly
		Cee's Song	Seattle Song
Hello Now			Lonely Dancer
	Hello Liberty	Forest Camp	Deputy Minister
			La Paz
		Witness Post	Gone West
			Most Likely

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
19 (sw)	6	3 (2)	2	1	$166,558 (through Dec. 7)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Maryland Million Lassie S**, 6 fur., 2-year-old fillies sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 19; $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Dec. 7.

Bred by Hillwood Stables (Md.); owned by Madaket Stables LLC, Mark Frasetto, Mark Parkinson, K-mac Stables and Magic City Stables; trained by Brittany Russell.

Sire: **GOLDEN LAD,** dk.b./br., 10, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: HELLO NOW, dk.b./br., 10, bred by Summer Wind Farm (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 4 starts, 1 win at 2, $22,585. (Kee Sept 11—$100,000; FTM Dec 18—$2,000 in foal to Golden Years)

15 Barren.
16 Hello Amigo, dk.b./br.g. by Bandbox. Raced 1 year, 8 starts at 3, 0 wins, $32,598.
17 **HELLO BEAUTIFUL**, dk.b./br.f. by Golden Lad. (FTM Dec 18—$6,500)
18 Hello Hot Rod, dk.b./br.c. by Mosler. (FTM Oct 19—$10,000)
19 Surprise Hello, dk.b./br.c. by Golden Years.

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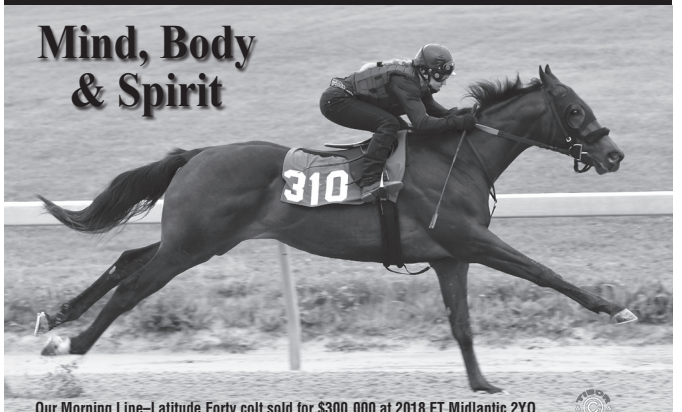

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LADDIE LIAM

Maryland Juvenile Futurity
$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired 2-year-olds.
Laurel Park, Dec. 7.

	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado (Ire)	Sadler's Wells
			Lady Capulet
		Cappucino Bay	Bailjumper
Golden Lad			Dubbed In
	Broadway Gold	Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector
			Con Game
		Miss Doolittle	Storm Cat
Laddie Liam, b.c., 2017			Eliza
	Quiet American	Fappiano	Mr. Prospector
			Killaloe
		Demure	Dr. Fager
Buffgirl			Quiet Charm
	Icelandic Dancer	Eskimo	Northern Dancer
			Dr. Mary Lou
		Intrinsic Dancer	Akureyri
			Satin Dancer

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
19 (sw)	5	3 (1)	0	2 (1)	$128,556 (through Dec. 7)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Futurity**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 7; 3rd **Maryland Million Nursery S**.

Bred by Hillwood Stables (Md.); owned by Joseph E. Besecker; trained by Hugh I. McMahon.

Sire: **GOLDEN LAD,** dk.b./br., 10, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: BUFFGIRL, b., 08, bred by John James Revocable Trust (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 5 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $4,180. (FTK July 09—$30,000; FTM May 2010—$380,000)

13 Slim N Trim, b.f. by Jump Start. Raced 2 years, 3 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $0.
14 Old Line Gal, b.f. by Stay Thirsty. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 1 win at 2, $62,786. (FTM Oct 15—$75,000; FTM May 16—$210,000)
15 Boss Babe, dk.b./br.f. by Take Charge Indy. Raced 2 years, 6 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $2,420. (Kee Sept 16—$57,000)
16 Silver Sides, gr./ro.f. by Bandbox. Raced 2 years, 13 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $28,163. (FTM Oct 17—$20,000)
17 **LADDIE LIAM**, b.c. by Golden Lad. (FTM Dec 18—$14,500; FTM Dec 19—$450,000)
18 gr./ro.c. by Bandbox. (FTM Oct 19—$35,000)
19 Not bred.

LEWISFIELD

Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial Stakes
$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired, 3 & up.
Laurel Park, Dec. 7.

	Elusive Quality	Gone West	Mr. Prospector
			Secrettame
		Touch of Greatness	Hero's Honor
Great Notion			Ivory Wand
	Evening Primrose	Dayjur	Danzig
			Gold Beauty
		Water Lily (Fr)	Riverman
Lewisfield, b.g., 2014			First Bloom
	Crowd Pleaser	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
			Weekend Surprise
		Creaking Board (GB)	Night Shift
Smart Crowd			Happy Landing
	Ten's Testamony	Deputed Testamony	Traffic Cop
			Proof Requested
		Nottaten	Smarten
			Groan

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
16	unraced				
17	5	3	1 (1)	1	$ 82,622
18 (sw)	10	3 (2)	2 (2)	3 (3)	243,675
19 (sw)	8	2 (2)	2 (2)	2 (2)	160,320
	23	8 (4)	5 (5)	6 (5)	$486,617 (through Dec. 7)

2017: 2nd **Howard M. Bender Memorial S**. **2018:** 1st $75,000 **Not For Love S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, March 17; $100,000 **Maryland Million Sprint H**, 6 fur., 3 & up sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 20; 2nd **Polynesian S**, **Mr. Prospector S**; 3rd **Maryland Sprint S-G3**, **Fabulous Strike S**, **Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial S**. **2019:** 1st $75,000

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Multiple Stakes Winning Sprinter/Miler

Winner of 9 Races from 16 Starts

Fee: $1,500 S/N

AIROFORCE

Colonel John - Chocolate Pop, by Cuvee

Multiple Graded Stakes Winner On Dirt and Turf Earning $679,130

Second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf G I

Fee: $2,500 S/N

RED VINE

Candy Ride (ARG) - Murky Waters, by Storm Creek

Multiple Graded Stakes Placed Winner of $775,915

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First Two Year Olds In 2020

Fee: $3,500 S/N

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Not For Love S, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired, 4 & up, Laurel, March 16; $75,000 **Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 7; 2nd **Chesapeake S**, **Frank Whiteley Jr. S**; 3rd **Maryland Sprint S-G3**, **Maryland Million Sprint H**.
Bred and owned by Linda L. Zang (Md.); trained by Jeff C. Runco.
Sire: **GREAT NOTION,** b., 00, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.
Dam: SMART CROWD, gr./ro., 02, bred by Lewisfield Farm (Md.). Raced 2 years, 8 starts, 2 wins at 4 and 5, $81,130.
09 Manion, b.g. by St Averil. Raced 4 years, 24 starts, 1 win at 4, $21,819.
10 Great Crowd, gr./ro.f. by Great Notion. Raced 3 years, 19 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, $125,665.
11 Smart Notion, gr./ro.f. by Great Notion. Unraced.
12 Waterside Dream, b.f. by Great Notion. Raced 2 years, 9 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, $61,458.
13 First Notion, b.g. by Great Notion. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 3, 0 wins, $14,520.
14 **LEWISFIELD**, b.g. by Great Notion.
19 gr./ro.c. by Great Notion.

MAJESTIC REASON

Willa On the Move Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Dec. 28.

Majestic Reason, b.m., 2015

A.P. Indy		Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
			My Charmer
		Weekend Surprise	Secretariat
Majestic Warrior			Lassie Dear
		Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector
			Con Game
Dream Supreme		Spinning Round	Dixieland Band
			Take Heart
Not For Love		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Dance Number	Northern Dancer
Love's Reason			Numbered Account
		Sky Classic	Nijinsky II
			No Class
Elaines Reason		Reason to Give	Alydar
			Reason to Act

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
17	unraced				
18 (sw)	5	2 (1)	2 (1)	1 (1)	$111,106
19 (sw)	7	3 (1)	2 (1)	1 (1)	201,892
	12	5 (2)	4 (2)	2 (2)	$312,998 (through Dec. 28)

2018: 1st $75,000 **Miss Disco S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Aug. 18; 2nd **All Brandy S**; 3rd **Safely Kept S**. **2019:** 1st $100,000 **Willa On the Move S**, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 28; 2nd **Politely S**; 3rd **Gallant Bloom H-G2**.
Bred by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC and Ellen Charles (Md.); owned by Hillwood Stable LLC and Richard L. Golden; trained by H. Graham Motion.
Sire: **MAJESTIC WARRIOR,** b., 05, stands at East Stud, Hokkaido, Japan.
Dam: **LOVE'S REASON**, ch., 08, bred by John T. Crane Jr. and Margaret M. Crane (Md.). Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, $101,010, Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S, 3rd Maryland Million Lassie S, Maryland Million Oaks. (FTM Oct 09—$75,000)
13 **Jump for Love**, b.f. by Jump Start. Raced 2 years, 9 starts, 1 win at 2, $54,136, 3rd Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S.
14 **Good Reasoning**, ch.g. by Scat Daddy. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 1 win at 3, $44,740, 3rd Caveat S.
15 **MAJESTIC REASON**, b.f. by Majestic Warrior.
16 Barren.
17 Artistic Reason, ch.c. by Munnings.
18 Heartful, gr./ro.f. by Bandbox.
19 ch.c. by Hard Spun.

MONDAY MORNING QB

Heft Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., 2-year-olds. Laurel Park, Dec. 28.

Monday Morning Qb, dk.b./br.c., 2017

Giant's Causeway		Storm Cat	Storm Bird
			Terlingua
		Mariah's Storm	Rahy
Imagining			Immense
		A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
			Weekend Surprise
Daydreaming		Get Lucky	Mr. Prospector
			Dance Number
Not For Love		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Dance Number	Northern Dancer
How My Heart Works			Numbered Account
		Awesome Again	Deputy Minister
			Primal Force
Formalities Aside		Well Dressed	Notebook
			Trithenia

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
19 (sw)	3	2 (1)	1	0	$105,000 (through Dec. 28)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Heft S**, 7 fur., 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 28.
Bred by Bowman and Higgins Stable and Cary Frommer (Md.); owned by Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC; trained by Robert E. Reid Jr.
Sire: **IMAGINING**, ch., 08, stands at Anchor and Hope Farm, Port Deposit, Md.
Dam: HOW MY HEART WORKS, b., 12, bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Milton P. Higgins III (Md.). Raced 1 year, 4 starts, 1 win at 3, $30,900.
17 **MONDAY MORNING QB**, dk.b./br.c. by Imagining. (FTM Oct 18—$25,000)
18 dk.b./br.f. by Great Notion. Died 2018.

PETE'S PLAY CALL

Bonapaw Stakes

$75,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur. (off turf), 3 & up. Fair Grounds, Dec. 21.

Pete's Play Call, ch.g., 2013

Speightstown		Gone West	Mr. Prospector
			Secrettame
		Silken Cat	Storm Cat
Munnings			Silken Doll
		Holy Bull	Great Above
			Sharon Brown
La Comete		La Gueriere	Lord At War (Arg)
			Lady Winborne
Irish Open		Irish Tower	Irish Castle
			Royal Loom
		No Opening	Buckpasser
Taft Lil Queen			Bases Full
		Ancestral (Ire)	Habitat
			Ampulla
Eston		Snipe Lake	Drone
			Paris Dance

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
15	2	0	0	0	$ 500
16	11	1	1	4	38,590
17	7	3	3	0	134,270
18	8	3	2	2	122,850
19 (sw)	5	2 (1)	0	0	106,566
	33	9 (1)	6	6	$402,776 (through Dec. 21)

2019: 1st $75,000 **Bonapaw S**, 5½ fur. (off turf), 3 & up, Fair Grounds, Dec. 21.
Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes (Md.); owned by Michael M. Hui, Hooties Racing LLC and WSS Racing LLC; trained by Michael J. Maker.
Sire: **MUNNINGS,** ch., 06, stands at Ashford Stud, Versailles, Ky.
Dam: **TAFT LIL QUEEN,** ch., 95, bred by Lockhart Spears (Ky.). Raced 5 years, 53 starts, 11 wins, 2 to 5, $245,515, Cy-Fair S, 2nd Suthern Accent S, Dixie Miss S, Monique Rene H, 3rd Marjorette H twice, Topaz S. (Kee Sept 96—$1,100; FTK Nov Adena 01—$48,000 in foal to Running Stag)
02 Quick Lil Lady, ch.f. by Running Stag. Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 1 win at 2, $14,040. (FTM Sept 03—$38,000) Producer.
03 **EL VIENTO,** b.c. by El Corredor. Champion imported 2-year-old colt in Puerto Rico. In Puerto Rico, raced 3 years, 23 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 4, $193,767, Clasico Agustin Mercado Reveron-G1, Clasico Fanatico Hipico-G1, Clasico Jose Coll Vidal-G1, 2nd Clasico George Washington-G1. (FTM Oct 04—$150,000)
04 Not covered previous year.
05 Kiss the Breeze, b.f. by Kafwain. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 1 win at 3, $27,620. (FTK July 06—$70,000) Dam of **KISS THE DADDY** (7 wins, $359,220, Power by Far H).
06 **The Prince,** b.g. by Not For Love. Raced 6 years, 60 starts, 9 wins, 2 to 7, $203,805, 2nd Jimmy Winkfield S, 3rd Fred "Cappy" Capossela S. (FTS Aug 07—$175,000; FTM May 08—$62,000)
07 **FOR ROYALTY,** b.f. by Not For Love. Raced 2 years, 9 starts, 2 wins at 2, $93,354, Mountaineer Juvenile Fillies S. (FTS Aug 08—$250,000; Kee Nov 10—$87,000; Kee Nov 17—$2,100,000) Dam of **CONSTELLATION** (5 wins, $619,809, La Brea S-G1, Ruthless S, Furlough S, 2nd Madison S-G1, Great Lady M S-G2, Matron S-G2, Las Flores S-G3, Rancho Bernardo H-G3, 3rd Spinaway S-G1), **Upper Room** (2 wins, $88,451 to 5, 2019, 3rd Parx Derby), **Queen Mum** (1 win, $75,837, 2nd Rags to Riches S), **Back Flip** (1 win, $43,945, 3rd OBS Championship S).
08 The Raven King, b.g. by Dance With Ravens. Raced 1 year, 7 starts, 1 win at 3, $11,970. (FTM Oct 09—$47,000)
09 Boudicca, ch.f. by Hard Spun. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 1 win at 3, $19,830. Producer.
11 **KISS TO REMEMBER**, ch.f. by Big Brown. Raced 4 years, 32 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 5, $756,191, Chilukki S-G2, Monroe H, Pago Hop S, Battle of New Orleans S, 2nd Ballerina S-G1, Charles Town Oaks-G3, Indiana Grand S, Treasure Chest S, Ta Wee S, Amelia Island S, Wasted Tears S, Added Elegance S, 3rd Princess Rooney S-G2. (Kee Sept 12—$15,000; FTK Nov 16—$500,000)
13 **PETE'S PLAY CALL**, ch.g. by Munnings. (Kee Sept 14—$90,000)
15 Barren.

New Jersey-bred

BROTHER CHUB

Claiming Crown Express Stakes

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			Gold Digger
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	Hey Chub		Summertime Promise
		Spend a Buck	Buckaroo
	Donna Doo		Belle de Jour
		Nasty Affair	Nasty and Bold
Brother Chub, dk.b./br.g., 2012			L'Affaire
	Arch	Kris S.	Roberto
			Sharp Queen
		Aurora	Danzig
	Sassy Broad		Althea
		Broad Brush	Ack Ack
	Sugaree		Hay Patcher
		Lilya's for Real	In Reality
			Mousam River

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
14	unraced				
15	8	2	0	1	$ 28,934
16	13	2	3	2	72,747
17	11	3	2	1	109,720
18 (sw)	12	4 (1)	7 (1)	0	168,095
19 (sw)	8	5 (1)	2	0	158,540
	52	16 (2)	14 (1)	4	$538,036 (through Dec. 7)

2018: 1st $60,000 **John J. Reilly H**, 6 fur., registered N.J.-breds, 3 & up, Monmouth, May 26; 2nd **Claiming Crown Express S**. **2019:** 1st $110,000 **Claiming Crown Express S**, 6 fur., 3 & up who had started for a claiming price of $8,000 or less lifetime, Gulfstream, Dec. 7.

Bred by Joe-Dan Farm (N.J.); owned by Kasey K Racing Stable LLC and Michael Day; trained by Michael M. Moore.

Sire: **HEY CHUB**, b., 00, stands at Joe-Dan Farm, Medford, N.J.

Dam: SASSY BROAD, b., 01, bred by Nursery Place and Partners (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 1 start at 3, 0 wins, $9,080. (Kee Sept 02—$100,000; FTK Feb 09—$12,000 in foal to Lion Heart)

07 Zipstress, b.f. by City Zip. Raced 5 years, 26 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 5, $36,835.
08 Shimmy Tinjo, b.g. by Langfuhr. Raced 8 years, 49 starts, 9 wins, 3 to 9, $182,359.
09 Takin the Plunge, b.f. by Lion Heart. Unraced. Producer.
10 Slipped.
11 **CHUBLICIOUS**, b.g. by Hey Chub. In U.S. and Korea, raced 5 years, 30 starts, 11 wins, 3 to 6, $653,393, Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash S-G3, Mr. Prospector S twice, John J. Reilly H twice, New Jersey Breeders H, 2nd Fire Plug S, Duncan F. Kenner S, Thanksgiving H, Charles Hesse III H, John J. Reilly H.
12 **BROTHER CHUB**, dk.b./br.g. by Hey Chub.
13 Chub Scout, b.g. by Hey Chub. Raced 2 years, 6 starts, 2 wins at 4, $75,800.
14 Sassy Chub, b.f. by Hey Chub. Raced 3 years 10 starts, 3 wins at 4 and 5, $93,951.
16 Double Chubble, b.g. by Hey Chub. Raced 1 year, 1 start, 1 win at 3, $27,000. (FTM Oct 17—$9,500)
17 Barren.
18 dk.b./br.f. by Hey Chub.

Pennsylvania-bred

HOCKEY PUCK

Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-olds.

Parx Racing, Dec. 7.

	Spellbinder	Tale of the Cat	Storm Cat
			Yarn
		Thorough Fair	Quiet American
	Well Spelled		Very Fair
		Well Decorated	Raja Baba
	Well		Paris Breeze
		Faith Tested Raye	Runaway Groom
Hockey Puck, b.g., 2017			Test of Faith
	Cat's Career	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Comical Cat	Exceller
	Katydid's Career		Six Months Long
		Hostage	Nijinsky II
	Amahostage		*Entente II
		Aminaun	Jacinto
			Puddie Q.

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
19 (sw)	6	2 (1)	1	0	$122,430 (through Dec. 28)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Pennsylvania Nursery S**, 7 fur., registered Pa.-bred 2-year-olds, Parx, Dec. 7.

Bred and owned by Wagon Wheel Farm (Pa.); trained by Erin C. McClellan.

Sire: **WELL SPELLED,** gr./ro., 09, stands at Godstone Farm, Littlestown, Pa.

Dam: KATYDID'S CAREER, b., 04, bred by Bernard Farrell and Patricia Farrell. (Pa.). Raced 1 year, 1 start at 4, 0 wins, $0.

10 Sweet Mathilda, b.f. by Siphon (Brz). Unraced.
12 My Blake, dk.b./br.g. by Eurosilver. Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 2 wins at 3, $19,235.

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14 Tierracat, ch.g. by Cat Thief. Raced 2 years, 4 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $0.
15 King Ragnar, b.g. by Any Given Saturday. Unraced.
17 **HOCKEY PUCK**, b.g. by Well Spelled.

MIRTH

Robert J. Frankel Stakes-G3

$100,000-guaranteed, 1⅛ mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up. Santa Anita, Dec. 28.

	Tiznow	Cee's Tizzy	Relaunch
			Tizly
		Cee's Song	Seattle Song
	Colonel John		Lonely Dancer
		Turkoman	Alydar
	Sweet Damsel		Taba (Arg)
		Grande Dame	Zen
Mirth, dk.b./br.m., 2015			Fia
	French Deputy	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent
			Mint Copy
		Mitterand	Hold Your Peace
	Di's Delight		Laredo Lass
		Our Native	Exclusive Native
	Orrefor		Our Jackie
		Forced to Fly	Accipiter
			Captive Audience

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
17	5	1	1	1	$ 19,212
18	2	2	0	0	29,070
19 (sw)	11	3 (2)	3 (1)	1	347,281
	18	6 (2)	4 (1)	2	$395,563 (through Dec. 28)

2019: 1st $300,000 **Rodeo Drive S-G1**, 1¼ mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Santa Anita, Sept. 28; $100,000 **Robert J. Frankel S-G3**, 1⅛ mi., turf, fillies and mares, 3 & up, Santa Anita, Dec. 28; 2nd **Possibly Perfect S**.

Bred by Barlar LLC (Pa.); owned by Little Red Feather Racing; trained by Philip D'Amato.

Sire: **COLONEL JOHN,** b., 05, stands at Jeju Stud, Jeju-do, South Korea.

Dam: **Di's Delight**, ch., 00, bred by Asiel Stable L.C. (Ill.). Raced 4 years, 34 starts, 5 wins at 2, 3 and 5, $166,825, 3rd Peach of It H. (Kee Jan 06—$100,000; Kee Nov 11—$55,000 in foal to Zensational; Kee Nov 14—$23,000 in foal to Colonel John)

07 We Will Rock, b.c. by Rock Hard Ten. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, $1,020. (Kee Sept 08—$100,000; OBS June 09—$95,000)
08 Slipped.
09 French Breeze, dk.b./br.f. by Elusive Quality. Raced 3 years, 7 starts, 1 win at 3, $29,709. (OBS June 11—$220,000) Producer.
10 Upright Stuff, b.g. by Indian Charlie. Raced 5 years, 27 starts, 6 wins at 3 and 5, $64,332. (Kee Sept 11—$100,000)
11 Underprivileged b.g. by Fusaichi Pegasus. Raced 1 year, 1 start, 1 win at 4, $4,200.
12 Party, gr./ro.f. by Zensational. Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 2 wins at 2 and 4, $62,754.
13 Kelmack, ch.f. by E Dubai. Raced 5 years, 48 starts, 3 wins at 3, $71,730.
14 **Heat Dome**, b.g. by Jump Start. Raced 4 years, 27 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 5, $150,688, 2nd Pennsylvania Nursery S. (Kee Nov 14—$35,000; FTM Oct 15—$35,000)
15 **MIRTH**, dk.b./br.f. by Colonel John.
16 **VAULT**, b.f. by Jump Start. Raced 2 years, 13 starts, 5 wins at 2 and 3, $188,614, Thirty Eight Go Go S. Set ncr at Penn National.
18 b.c. by Jump Start.
19 b.c. by Alliance.

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PUMPKIN RUMBLE

Valedictory Stakes-G3

$125,000-guaranteed, 1¾ mi., 3 & up. Woodbine, Dec. 15.

	Smart Strike	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Classy 'n Smart	Smarten
	English Channel		No Class
		Theatrical (Ire)	Nureyev
	Belva		Tree of Knowledge (Ire)
		Committed	Hagley
Pumpkin Rumble, ch.g., 2011			Minstinguette
	Storm Cat	Storm Bird	Northern Dancer
			South Ocean
		Terlingua	Secretariat
	Clarins		Crimson Saint
		Woodman	Mr. Prospector
	Shell Ginger (Ire)		Playmate
		Truly Bound	In Reality
			Natashka

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
13	unraced				
14	10	2	3 (1)	2 (1)	$120,556
15 (sw)	6	2 (1)	0	1	90,882
16	6	0	1 (1)	1 (1)	56,780
17	12	1	2	4 (3)	113,076
18 (sw)	8	4 (1)	2 (1)	0	169,159
19 (sw)	5	2 (2)	0	2 (2)	152,397
	47	11 (4)	8 (3)	10 (7)	$702,850 (through Dec. 15)

2014: 2nd **Toronto Cup S**; 3rd **Woodchopper S**. **2015:** 1st $100,000 **Mystic Lake Mile S**, abt. 1 mi., turf, 3 & up, Canterbury, July 11. **2016:** 2nd **Remington Green S**; 3rd **Stars and Stripes S-G3**. **2017:** 3rd **Nijinsky S-G2**, **Sky Classic S-G2**, **Singspiel S-G3**. **2018:** 1st $125,000 **Valedictory Stakes-G3**, 1¾ mi., 3 & up, Woodbine, Dec. 9; 2nd **Singspiel S-G3**. **2019:** 1st $100,000 **Alphabet Soup H**, 1¹⁄₁₆ mi., turf (ncr—1:40.21), registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Parx, Sept. 21; $125,000 **Valedictory S-G3**, 1¾ mi., 3 & up, Woodbine, Dec. 15; 3rd **Nijinsky S-G2**, **Dominion Day S-G3**.

Bred by Smart Angle (Pa.); owned by Al and Bill Ulwelling; trained by Kevin Attard.

Sire: **ENGLISH CHANNEL,** ch., 02, stands at Calumet Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: CLARINS, ch., 01, bred by TAC Holdings, Inc. (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 7 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, $62,590. (Kee Nov 09—$32,000 in foal to Street Boss; FTM Dec 10—$25,000 in foal to English Channel)

06 Stratos, ch.g. by Mutakddim. Raced 7 years, 52 starts, 6 wins at 2, 3, 4 and 6, $80,854.
07 Leading Candidate, ch.c. by Smarty Jones. Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 5 wins at 4, $140,295.
08 Slipped.
09 Barren.
10 Keep Calm Carry On, ch.g. by Street Boss. Unraced.
11 **PUMPKIN RUMBLE**, ch.g. by English Channel. (FTM Oct 12—$30,000)
12 Barren.

SOMEDAY JONES

Native Dancer Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 1⅛ mi., 3 & up. Laurel Park, Dec. 28.

	Elusive Quality	Gone West	Mr. Prospector
			Secrettame
		Touch of Greatness	Hero's Honor
	Smarty Jones		Ivory Wand
		Smile	In Reality
	I'll Get Along		Sunny Smile
		Dont Worry Bout Me	Foolish Pleasure
Someday Jones, dk.b./br.h., 2013			Stolen Base
	Concern	Broad Brush	Ack Ack
			Hay Patcher
		Fara's Team	Tunerup
	Last Toots		Specialization
		Danzig Connection	Danzig
	Toots La Mae		Gdynia
		Fortunate Bid	Lucky Debonair
			Biddy Big

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
15	unraced				
16	5	3	1	0	$119,100
17	5	3	1 (1)	0	136,000
18 (sw)	8	1 (1)	1	1	99,180
19 (sw)	7	3 (2)	3 (2)	0	230,850
	25	10 (3)	6 (3)	1	$585,130 (through Dec. 28)

2017: 2nd **Lyman S**. **2018:** 1st $125,000 **Robellino S** (includes $25,000 for Pa.-sired), , 1¹⁄₁₆ mi., registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Penn National, Aug. 4. **2019:** 1st $125,000 **Roanoke S** (includes $25,000 for Pa.-sired), 1¹⁄₁₆ mi., registered Pa.-breds, 3 & up, Parx, Aug. 3; $100,000 **Native Dancer S**, 1⅛ mi., 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 28; 2nd **Swatara S**, **M.P. Ballezzi Appreciation Mile S**.

Bred by Patricia L. Chapman (Pa.); owned by Main Line Racing Stable and Alexandria Stable; trained by John C. Servis.
Sire: **SMARTY JONES,** ch., 01, stands at Equistar Farm, Annville, Pa.
Dam: **Last Toots**, b., 02, bred by Patricia L. Chapman (Pa.). Raced 4 years, 18 starts, 6 wins, 3 to 5, $164,305, 3rd Go for Wand S.
08 Parvenu, gr./ro.f. by Rockport Harbor. Raced 4 years, 25 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 5, $259,363.
10 Neshaminy, b.g. by Smarty Jones. Raced 5 years, 27 starts, 5 wins, 3 to 6, $237,595.
11 My Tootsy, dk.b./br.f. by Smarty Jones. Raced 4 years, 23 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 5, $75,088. (FTM Oct 12—$29,000)
12 Slipped.
13 **SOMEDAY JONES**, dk.b./br.c. by Smarty Jones.
14 Papa Jones, dk.b./br.g. by Smarty Jones. Raced 4 years, 21 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, $108,063.
16 Too Much Johnnie, dk.b./br.g. by Smarty Jones. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 1 win at 2, $36,380.
17 Barren.
18 Toots Goodbye, dk.b./br.f. by Smarty Jones.

Virginia-bred

BELLA AURORA

Gin Talking Stakes

$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., 2-year-old fillies. Laurel Park, Dec. 28.

	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat	Storm Bird
			Terlingua
		Mariah's Storm	Rahy
			Immense
	Carpe Diem	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled
			Trolley Song
	Rebridled Dreams	Key Cents	Corridor Key
			Centimeter
Bella Aurora, ch.f., 2017		Machiavellian	Mr. Prospector
			Coup de Folie
	Street Cry (Ire)	Helen Street (GB)	Troy
			Waterway
	Street Interest	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
			Weekend Surprise
	A. P. Interest	Shared Interest	Pleasant Colony
			Surgery

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
19 (sw)	6	3 (1)	1 (1)	2 (1)	$141,140 (through Dec. 28)

2019: 1st $100,000 **Gin Talking S**, 7 fur., 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Dec. 28; 2nd **Jamestown S**; 3rd **Anne Arundel County S**.

Bred by Morgan's Ford Farm (Va.); owned by Country Life Farm; trained by Michael J. Trombetta.
Sire: **CARPE DIEM**, ch., 12, stands at WinStar Farm LLC, Versailles, Ky.
Dam: STREET INTEREST, ch., 11, bred by R.S. Evans (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 1 win at 3, $23,970.
16 Blacktop Legend, b.g. by Hard Spun. Raced 1 year, 8 starts, 2 wins at 3, $74,903. (FTS Aug 17—$220,000; FTF March 18—$250,000)
17 **BELLA AURORA**, ch.f. by Carpe Diem. (FTM Oct 18—$87,000)
18 ch.c. by Kitten's Joy. (Kee Nov 18—$200,000; Kee Sept 19—$325,000)
19 dk.b./br.c. by Nyquist. (Kee Nov 19—$230,000)

West Virginia-bred

ANNA'S BANDIT

Politely Stakes

$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Dec. 7.

	Elusive Quality	Gone West	Mr. Prospector
			Secrettame
		Touch of Greatness	Hero's Honor
	Great Notion		Ivory Wand
		Dayjur	Danzig
	Evening Primrose		Gold Beauty
		Water Lily (Fr)	Riverman
Anna's Bandit, dk.b./br.m., 2014			First Bloom
		Unbridled	Fappiano
	No Armistice		Gana Facil
		Ataentsic	Hold Your Peace
	Onearmedbandit		Mythographer
		Polish Numbers	Danzig
	Court Tour		Numbered Account
		Sum Secret	Devil's Bag
			Tell Me Sumthing

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
16	3	1	1 (1)	1 (1)	$ 61,800
17	5	2	1	0	57,330
18 (sw)	13	4 (3)	1	5 (4)	182,755
19 (sw)	11	9 (7)	0	0	401,830
	32	16 (10)	3 (1)	6 (5)	$703,715 (through Dec. 7)

2016: 2nd **Debutante S**; 3rd **Astoria S**. **2018:** 1st $75,000 **Conniver S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, March 17; $35,000 **Down Town Allen S**, 6½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 4 & up, Charles Town, April 21; $50,000 **Sadie Hawkins S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Sept. 22; 3rd **W.Va. "Cavada" Breeders Classic S**, **The Very One S**, **Maryland Million Distaff S**, **Politely S**. **2019:** 1st $75,000 **Conniver S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 4 & up, Laurel, March 16; $50,000 **Original Gold S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, April 20; $75,000 **Timonium Distaff S**, abt. 6½ fur., registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Timonium, Aug. 31; $50,000 **Sadie Hawkins S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Sept. 21; $175,000 **W.Va. "Cavada" Breeders Classic**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Oct. 12; $100,000 **Maryland Million Distaff H**, 7 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 19; $75,000 **Politely S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 7.

Bred and trained by John J. Robb (W.Va.); owned by No Guts No Glory Farm.
Sire: **GREAT NOTION,** b., 00, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.
Dam: **ONEARMEDBANDIT**, b., 06, bred by David Daniel (Md.). Raced 5 years, 22 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 6, $304,878, Miss Shenandoah S, 2nd Lady Charles Town S, Inaugural S, Femme Fatale S, Hookedonthefeelin S, 3rd Jameela S. (FTM Sept 07—$13,500)
14 **ANNA'S BANDIT**, dk.b./br.f. by Great Notion.
15 Gracies Bandit, dk.b./br.f. by During. Raced 2 years, 6 starts, 1 win at 3, $16,567.
16 Bandits Glory, dk.b./br.c. by Great Notion. Unraced.
17 Slipped.
18 Little Bold Bandit, dk.b./br.c. by Great Notion.
19 dk.b./br.f. by Mosler.

YES I SEE

Claiming Crown Iron Horse Stakes

$110,000-guaranteed, 1 1/16 mi., 3 & up who had started for a claiming price of $8,000 or less lifetime. Gulfstream Park, Dec. 7.

	Danzig	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
			Natalma
		Pas de Nom	Admiral's Voyage
	Exchange Rate		*Petitioner
		Seeking the Gold	Mr. Prospector
	Sterling Pound		Con Game
		Spectacular Bev	Spectacular Bid
			Bev Bev
Yes I See, gr./ro.g., 2011		Carson City	Mr. Prospector
	Flying Chevron		Blushing Promise
		Fly Me First	*Herbager
	I Can See		Flying Fable
		Bold Ruckus	Boldnesian
	Precocious Queen		Raise a Ruckus
		Precious Event	Mr. Leader
			Nonsencical

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
13	unraced				
14	7	2	1	0	$ 43,665
15	7	2	1	0	26,838
16	10	3	1	2	45,224
17	10	2	3	1	64,380
18	5	2	0	1	27,400
19 (sw)	9	3 (1)	0	0	99,809
	48	14 (1)	6	4	$307,316 (through Dec. 7)

2019: 1st $110,000 **Claiming Crown Iron Horse S**, 1 1/16 mi., 3 & up who had started for a claiming price of $8,000 or less lifetime, Gulfstream, Dec. 7.

Bred by Ellen H. Walters (W.Va.); owned by Ron Paolucci Racing LLC; trained by Peter R. Walder.
Sire: **EXCHANGE RATE,** gr./ro., 97 (deceased).
Dam: **I CAN SEE**, dk.b./br., 03, bred by Richard O'Neill and Douglas Peterson (Ky.). Raced 5 years, 48 starts, 4 wins at 2 and 4, $413,679, Black Swan S, 2nd John C. Mabee H-G1, Tuzla H-G3, Intercontinental H, E.B. Johnston S, Bustles and Bows S, 3rd Santa Barbara H-G2, Las Madrinas H.
10 Barren.
11 **YES I SEE**, gr./ro.g, by Exchange Rate.
12 Honest Eyes, ch.c. by Yes It's True. Unraced.
13 Great Eight, ch.f. by Afleet Alex. Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 1 win at 5, $17,159.
14 Barren.
15 **BUFF'S EYE VIEW**, dk.b./br.g. by Buffum. Raced 2 years, 16 starts, 4 wins at 3, $127,720, W.Va. Lottery Breeders Classic S.
16 Slipped.
17 Mauna Lani, dk.b./br.f. by Jump Start. Unraced.
18 Eye of the Needle, dk.b./br.f. by Great Notion.
19 I See Justice, dk.b./br.c. by Peace and Justice.

Commitment to region shows in 2020 MATCH Series schedule

BY TOM LAMARRA

When the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships – the MATCH Series – was launched in 1997, there were five divisions, each with seven stakes held from late April through early October at seven racetracks in five states.

When the series returned in 2018 after 16 years on the shelf, it did so on a somewhat smaller scale, in part to see how well it would be received in a much different environment for racing in the region. When that year's series concluded, the results were in: It was a success, but one that needed some tweaking for 2019.

Like the previous year, there were still four divisions, each with five stakes, in 2019. But each partner track held its MATCH events on one day rather than have the races scattered around the calendar. The change was considered a positive development for the tracks and horsemen in that it achieved another regional goal: Better coordination of stakes and some overnight races from track to track.

When the MATCH Series partners met in early November of last year to plan for 2020, there was further proof the series had taken root in its second incarnation. The partners from 2018 and 2019 were back in the room, but they were joined by representatives from Virginia and West Virginia, two states that were part of MATCH from 1997-2001.

In just two hours, most of the 2020 schedule was in place with a backup plan should not every partner decide to go forward. A month later, it was a done deal, and the series had the look of 1997 again thanks to some give and take on the part of the region's stakeholders.

There are five divisions and a total of 35 races once again. Eight tracks will host races in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. There are seven participating horsemen's groups, four associated with the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and three with the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association – the importance of that should not be understated. The four breeder organizations that were part of MATCH for the first time in 2018 will be joined by two more in 2020.

Those who have been involved in Mid-Atlantic racing for the past 20 years are well aware of what has been accomplished through cooperation regarding medication reform, equine health and welfare, and most recently creation of the Mid-Atlantic Strategic Plan to Reduce Equine Fatalities. Progress on the plan was discussed as part of the November meeting on the MATCH Series, which is a gratifying indication that everything does indeed tie in together in the region.

The 2020 MATCH Series, which runs from April 18 to Oct. 10, will offer $3.75 million in purses, $450,000 in bonuses for owners and trainers and $60,000 in bonuses for breeders.

The five divisions are 3-Year-Olds and Up Sprint–Dirt, Filly and Mare Sprint–Dirt, 3-Year-Olds Sprint–Dirt, 3-Year-Olds and Up Sprint–Turf and Filly and Mare Long–Turf.

The following partners deserve credit for fashioning the series, committing to respect each other's racing schedules, and working together despite a few hiccups to create what should be the best year yet for MATCH.

Horsemen's groups: Delaware THA, Maryland THA, New Jersey THA and Pennsylvania THA; and the Penn National HBPA, Virginia HBPA and West Virginia HBPA.

Racetracks: Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, Colonial Downs, Delaware Park, Laurel Park, Monmouth Park, Parx Racing, Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course and Pimlico Race Course. Maryland will host the most series stakes with seven – five at Pimlico as part of Preakness weekend and two at Laurel.

Breeder organizations: Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program, Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Thoroughbred Breeders Association of New Jersey, Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, Virginia Thoroughbred Association and West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

The complete schedule of races appeared in the January issue of *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* and is available at matchseries.com along with Series rules, history and editorial content.

With a minimum of $700,000 in purse money per division and $75,000 in owner and trainer bonuses per division over a six-month period, now is the time to begin planning and lining up horses for a lucrative series designed to benefit horsemen and assist the public and horseplayers in following some of the top horses in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Brochures with everything you need to know about the series are or will be available soon in the racing and horsemen's offices at each of the partner racetracks. MATCH Series organizers look forward to seeing you regularly this spring, summer and early fall. ✹

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Murray helps keep Murmur, Maryland focused on future

By Joe Clancy

Hood up, left hand in his jacket pocket and sporting what surely were fashionable-for-the-day knee-high boots, the 6-year-old kid looks right at the camera while reaching up to pet a horse's muzzle.

Somewhere, his parents smiled though they probably also warned him not to reach up to a horse without at least looking at the horse. "That's a good way to get bitten," they might have said. That horse didn't bite Kent Murray, though the horse industry certainly did.

Fifty-five years (plus/minus) after that photo was taken, Murray helps manage his family's Murmur Farm while also balancing a career at Northrop Grumman. Murray manages large programs – worth up to hundreds of millions of dollars – for the corporate giant, maker of the stealth bomber, military drones, high-tech radar systems, cyber security platforms, rockets, space telescopes and more – but saves plenty of room in his life for horses.

Barrie Reightler

Kent Murray leads Hangover Kid at Murmur Farm.

"From the time I was born, I was always outside, always doing something in the barn or around the farm," he said in January. "I remember that I couldn't wait to get a pitchfork in my hands and help out mucking stalls. It was always that way. The whole family did it. We mucked stalls, led horses, bred horses. It was a family enterprise."

And still is.

The Darlington nursery stands three stallions, led by the head-turning Blofeld, and will foal about 30 mares this year. Officially, it's his mother Audrey's place. She and her late husband Allen bought their first mare in 1956, built

the first Murmur on James Run Road near Churchville (where Kent and his wife Donna still live), expanded to the current 130-acre facility, expanded again to a breaking/training farm nearby and stood the likes of regional leader Norquestor, champion 2-year-old filly Countess Diana's sire Deerhound and champion 3-year-old male War Emblem's sire Our Emblem through decades in the business.

When Allen (who, like Kent, had a career away from the farm as an engineer at Aberdeen Proving Ground) died at age 80 in 2013, Murmur could have easily closed its gates. Instead, it reorganized. The Murrays sold the training division at Berkley Farm to focus on stallions, mares and foals, Kent got more involved and Audrey simply kept working – responding to talk of retirement with, "Well, what do I do all day?"

"That's pretty accurate," said Kent. "She doesn't want to sit around and eat bonbons and watch TV and I can understand that. She loves it, loves the horses, loves the business. She's not ready to retire."

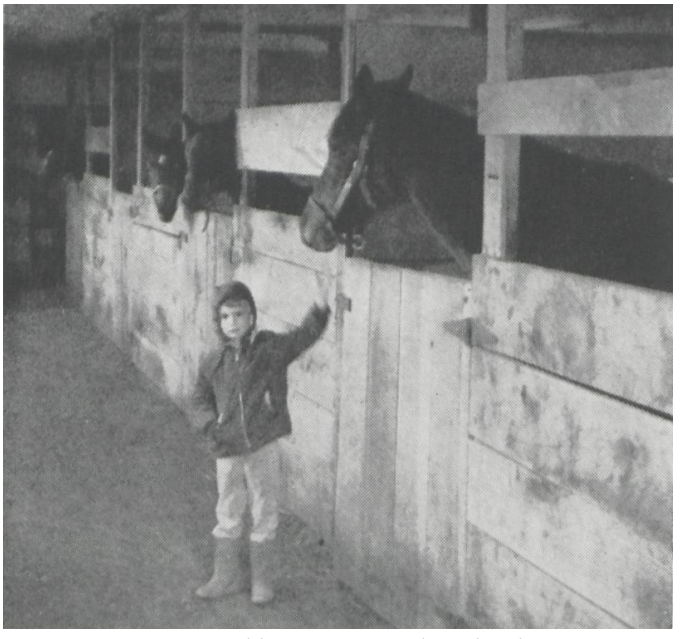
Not even close. Audrey Murray spearheaded the purchase of Blofeld, whose first foals are yearlings, in time for the 2018 breeding season and watched interest grow. The son of Quality Road was on plenty of stud-farm radar screens, but wound up at Murmur because of quick decisions.

"I had been following him because of Quality Road and I felt like the region needed a horse by Quality Road," said Audrey, who talked to potential partners early on before making an offer herself and putting together a syndicate. With Kent using Northrop Grumman vacation days, they flew to Kentucky for a look.

"We made an offer while we were there, they took it and we flew home," said Audrey. "I wired the money because I knew somebody else would jump in there, and they told me they got an offer right after I bought him. I couldn't believe it."

Barrie Reightler

Audrey and Kent Murray run Murmur Farm together.



Six-year-old Kent Murray takes a break from barn work at the old Murmur Farm in 1964.

A striking gray, Blofeld won all three starts as a 2-year-old, and added a Grade 2 stakes at 4. He's from the family of Saint Liam and Gun Runner among others, and bred 60 mares in his first two seasons at stud. He's also the perfect stallion for a smaller operation.

"He's very, very easy to deal with, not nasty or mean," said Audrey. "I don't want anything that's nasty. We're pretty hands-on."

Murmur employs staff, but it's still a family operation. Audrey's on the farm all the time. Kent's there regularly. Kent's wife Donna does the books and billing. Kent's brother Stuart does the taxes. Sister Carolyn updates the farm website. Kent and Donna's son Sean, a computer engineer, put together a promotional video Murmur showed at Laurel Park's stallion showcase in late November.

The stallion barn, shared by Blofeld, Hangover Kid (whose first crop of six included stakes winner Miss J McKay) and 28-year-old Petionville, jumps to life this month.

Allen Murray would be proud, though he'd also tell everyone to focus on the bottom line – as he did when he sold Deerhound and Our Emblem to bigger interests outside of the region.

"My father never pushed it on any of us," said Kent. "It's a business. You've got to make tough business decisions at times and you've got to live with them. You can't have a lot of pets."

At the same time, there's some magic involved – and that's what keeps people like the Murrays involved.

"There's nothing easy about it," Kent said. "When the first foals start to arrive, it's well worth it. It's good to see the new foals running around. We had new Blofelds last year, and you love to see how they look, and just see the next generation. The animals are why you do it."

Murmur is another example of the impact of Maryland's Thoroughbred incentive programs funded by slots revenue. The farm is never going to be as big as the state's dynasties at Northview or Country Life, but found a niche long ago and has been able to preserve it through leaner years and into the current climate of greater stability.

"The bonus program is a savior, that is huge for us," said Kent, a member of the boards of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and Maryland Million. "It makes a big difference. Without it, it would be very difficult. It's additional income that lets you pay a bill or do something on the farm and we spend a lot of time making sure the industry communicates that to legislators and the public."

Murray called that the industry's continual mission. The horses matter, to everyone, as they grow from foals on farms such as Murmur to yearlings in the sales rings and on training farms, racehorses at the tracks, retirees in second careers or lives as broodmares and stallions. Those horses sustain an industry, which employs thousands, preserves open space and supports businesses in other industries.

"The whole business in California has everybody on edge," Kent said of threats to racing from animal-rights activists. "We have to be proactive. We're doing a lot to ensure the safety of the racehorses and the jockeys and we have to keep both of them as safe as we can. We have to do something, how far to take it is the question. We're trying to take a measured approach in Maryland and ensure the future."

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Maryland-bred Stakes Winners

Pete's Play Call splashes to victory in Bonapaw Stakes

Pete's Play Call completed his 6-year-old season a stakes winner as the gelded son of Munnings swept to victory in the off-the-turf $75,000 Bonapaw at Fair Grounds Dec. 21.

Making his fifth start of the year, and first in a stakes, Pete's Play Call sat just off the early pace of the 5½ furlongs, through opening fractions of :22.32 and :46.25. He made his move around the final turn and opened up to win by 2½ lengths in 1:04.38 over a sloppy track.

Trainer Mike Maker claimed Pete's Play Call for $80,000 on behalf of owners Michael Hui, Hooties Racing and WSS Racing two starts prior at Churchill Downs.

Breeders Charles and Cynthia McGinnes sold Pete's Play Call as a yearling for $90,000 to trainer Mark Glatt at the 2014 Keeneland September sale. He made his debut in December 2015 at Los Alamitos, but didn't break his maiden until the following May at Santa Anita. Competing primarily at the higher claiming and allowance levels, Pete's Play Call raced on the West Coast through early 2017 before heading to New York in May, where in his first start he won a Belmont allowance.

In 33 starts, Pete's Play Call has started at 11 tracks, picked up nine wins, six seconds and six thirds, for earnings to $402,776. In addition to those previously noted, he has wins at Aqueduct, Laurel, Oaklawn Park and Saratoga.

Pete's Play Call is out of the stakes winner Taft Lil Queen, a daughter of Irish Open purchased by the McGinneses while carrying her first foal from an Adena Springs sale in 2001 for $48,000. All nine of Taft Lil Queen's foals are winners, including 2015 and 2016 Maryland-bred champion older female Kiss to Remember (a Grade 1 winner) and El Viento, a multiple stakes winner and champion 2-year-old colt in Puerto Rico and co-champion Maryland-bred 2-year-old of 2005.

Taft Lil Queen's stakes-winning daughter For Royalty (by Not For Love) is the dam of four stakes performers, including Grade 1 La Brea winner Constellation. For Royalty sold as a broodmare at Keeneland November 2017 for $2.1 million; Constellation sold a year later at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale for $3.1 million. Another Taft Lil Queen daughter, winner Kiss the Breeze (by Kafwain), is the dam of stakes winner Kiss the Daddy. Pete's Play Call is Taft Lil Queen's final foal. ❧

Hankins receive Wing Award from Hunt Cup

Owners and land preservationists Mike and Ann Hankin received the 2019 S. Bryce Wing Award from the Maryland Hunt Cup Association. The Hankins have supported Maryland timber racing from every angle, as owners, land preservationists, leaders and sponsors.

Given to recognize an outstanding contribution to Maryland timber racing, the award honors the memory of S. Bryce Wing, a member of the Maryland Hunt Cup Association from 1939 until his death at age 85 in 1975. Wing was secretary of the Maryland Hunt Cup from 1956-66 and president of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association (now the National Steeplechase Association) from 1948-64. He was also a member of The Jockey Club and Master of Foxhounds at Elkridge-Harford.

The Hankins have run horses in the Maryland Hunt Cup 15 times, winning on their first try with Bug River in 2004. The Maryland-bred won again two years later, and Hankin runners have contested 12 Grand Nationals, 20 My Lady's Manors and 11 timber races at the Legacy Chase at Shawan Downs. Their horses have made 98 Maryland timber starts.

Synthesizing their passion for land preservation and timber racing, the Hankins have consistently supported the race course at Shawan Downs through leadership, sponsorship, donations and race participation. Mike Hankin has long served as president and chairman of the Land Preservation Trust. In addition, he served for several years as hunt secretary, then president, of the Greenspring Valley Hounds. He is also a director of the National Steeplechase Association.

Maryland Fund Report

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
November 1 to November 30, 2019

Breeder bonuses

Anchor and Hope Farm Inc.—OLIVE'S BUMPA: Nov. 16, 1st race, $2,079. ON THE TURF: Nov. 10, 6th race, $2,646; Nov. 30, 2nd race, $1,386. PORT LOUIS: Nov. 23, 4th race, $1,386. ($7,497)

AS Rennklub LLC—ALADDIN SANE: Nov. 9, 2nd race, $726.

Robert Atkinson and Mary Atkinson—ORTINOLA: Nov. 8, 2nd race, $3,762.

Barak Farm—AWESOME AT RIEDES: Nov. 11, 8th race, $594. LECTRIC CHOKE: Nov. 11, 8th race, $3,078. LET'S PLAY NINE: Nov. 28, 9th race, $5,643. PERFECTLYINTUNE: Nov. 22, 4th race, $594. ($9,909)

David Baxter—FREE TO TRUMP: Nov. 2, 8th race, $495; Nov. 24, 3rd race, $2,565. ($3,060)

William Bayne—BERNIE'S ON FIRE: Nov. 1, 11th race $5,643.

Patricia and Richard Beck—PHANTOM SHOT: Nov. 1, 4th race, $7,695.

Best A Luck Farm LLC—MR. PHILLY DILLY: Nov. 2, 2nd race, $2,079. MY FRIENDS BEER: Nov. 14, 1st race, $1,089. ($3,168)

Richard F. Blue Jr.—RISING PERRY: Nov. 24, 7th race, $924.

Mary B. Boskin—BROOKS ROBINSON: Nov. 1, 3rd race, $4,959.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Rebecca Davis and Adena Springs—ONE TWO THREE GO: Nov. 1, 2nd race, $3,762; Nov. 14, 9th race, $1,449. ($5,211)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Rebecca Davis and R. Larry Johnson—COURTESY SHUFFLE: Nov. 9, 9th race, $726; Nov. 22, 1st race, $594. PETES PRIDE: Nov. 23, 7th race, $1,386. ($2,706)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—ALWAYS TALKING: Nov. 10, 2nd race, $3,591. PALOMA GRIS: Nov. 17, 4th race, $1,320. UP AGAINST IT: Nov. 22, 9th race, $726. ($5,637)

Shellaine Brown and Susan Baldrige, Horseshoe Valley and Treasure Stable—GOING TO THE LEAD: Nov. 2, 6th race, $1,764; Nov. 21, 5th race, $1,764. ($3,528)

James Edwin Bryant and Linda Page Davis—JUMP JIVE AN WAIL: Nov. 16, 8th race, $1,386.

Buckingham Farm—I LOVE YOU: Nov. 3, 5th race, $1,155.

Deborah Butts—MARIE FROM PARIE: Nov. 10, 4th race, $1,197.

Charm City Racing LLC—HICKORY MADE: Nov. 29, 9th race, $1,089.

A.G. Chaudry—PITCHING ARI: Nov. 23, 9th race, $4,617.

Christ is King Stable—YES MAN: Nov. 22, 9th race, $1,386.

Clover Hill Farm Inc.—ONCE IN A LIFETIME: Nov. 22, 5th race, $1,764.

Clover Hill Racing, LLC—MAKE IT A DOUBLE: Nov. 3, 4th race, $2,079; Nov. 24, 4th race, $4,617. ($6,696)

Country Life Farm—MISSION OBERON: Nov. 21, 5th race, $4,788. TAPPAHANNOCK: Nov. 29, 2nd race, $1,386. ($6,174)

Country Life Farm and Fleet and Fancy LLC—FORFIFTYFIVEROCKET: Nov. 22, 5th race, $924.

Country Life Farm and Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—EARNED IT: Nov. 17, 5th race, $594. HOMEOFTHE LOMBARDI: Nov. 15, 3rd race, $1,449. ($2,043)

Country Life Farm and Moon Map Broodmare LLC—TOMMY SHELBY: Nov. 10, 6th race, $7,182.

Country Roads Ltd.—LAST CHUKKER: Nov. 9, 2nd race, $3,762; Nov. 23, 8th race, $1,197. ($4,959)

Dark Hollow Farm—NEXTSTOP POKIPC: Nov. 1, 11th race $1,089. SNIDELY: Nov. 15, 9th race, $891. SOUTHSIDE WARRIOR: Nov. 2, 10th race $3,591. ($5,571)

Donald K. Dean—ESTERINA: Nov. 16, 5th race, $7,182.

D Hatman Thoroughbreds—AUDACIOUS QUALITY: Nov. 14, 5th race, $4,617; Nov. 30, 1st race, $4,788. ELEVATED FOREVER: Nov. 2, 1st race, $1,134; Nov. 15, 1st race, $594. ($11,133)

Dragon's Lair Farm LLC—BAPTIZE THE BOY: Nov. 17, 1st race, $4,788. LIMITED VIEW: Nov. 15, 7th race, $5,130. ($9,918)

Dragon's Lair Farm and Carol A. Kaye—PATRIOTIC QUEST: Nov. 11, 5th race, $495.

The Elkstone Group LLC—CAN'T PASS IT UP: Nov. 2, 6th race, $4,788. HIGHER PURPOSE: Nov. 2, 3rd race, $2,565. PRETTY GOOD YEAR: Nov. 1, 7th race, $1,155. ROOF TOP BAR: Nov. 14, 1st race, $2,079. SAPPHIRE SHILLING: Nov. 29, 1st race, $627. THE QUANTICO KID: Nov. 14, 3rd race, $5,643. TORCH OF TRUTH: Nov. 1, 5th race, $2,205. ($19,062)

Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable and A. Leonard Pineau—CRUSH IT: Nov. 1, 5th race, $1,155; Nov. 23, 4th race, $726. ($1,881)

Everest Stables Inc.—NIGHTLIFE: Nov. 24, 6th race, $1,485.

Christopher J. Feifarek—OUR STAR: Nov. 28, 2nd race, $3,762.

Finale Farm and Mr. and Mrs. David Moose—HUFFLEPUFF: Nov. 3, 3rd race, $990.

Finn's Nickel LLC and Copper Penny Stables—COME ON CALLIE: Nov. 9, 3rd race, $2,565.

Mrs. Janon Fisher III—DEAR CHARLOTTE: Nov. 3, 2nd race, $495. FAIRY WISH: Nov. 3, 1st race, $1,386; Nov. 23, 1st race, $3,762. ($5,643)

Fitzhugh LLC—LOOKIN DYNAMIC: Nov. 15, 6th race, $1,386. MARDEN: Nov. 10, 1st race, $1,134. ($2,520)

Paul L. Fowler Jr.—STORMIN HONGKONG: Nov. 1, 3rd race, $957. TAPPIN CAT: Nov. 1, 5th race, $5,985; Nov. 30, 8th race, $2,835. ($9,777)

Charles Anthony Frock—BARBSGRAY LION: Nov. 29, 7th race, $495.

Cary Frommer—MY STAR POTENTIAL: Nov. 10, 7th race, $7,182. ZIG: Nov. 21, 8th race, $1,701. ($8,883)

Robert Gerczak—ANTIPOISON: Nov. 14, 8th race, $1,320. ARBUTUS: Nov. 8, 2nd race, $726. CHICKEN DINNER: Nov. 9, 3rd race, $945. LITTLE BAY: Nov. 15, 4th race, $1,134; Nov. 28, 1st race, $594. ($4,719)

Glenangus Farm LLC—FIRTH: Nov. 24, 5th race, $1,386.

Estate of James Glenn—HUNT ME DOWN: Nov. 28, 5th race, $3,078.

Michael J. Harrison DVM—JUDI BLUE EYES: Nov. 28, 8th race, $924.

Theresa Rae Haupt—TALENTED DR. B: Nov. 28, 1st race, $1,134.

Hickory Plans LLC, Randy Cohen and Alyse Cohen—TOUGHEST 'OMBRE: Nov. 30, 8th race, $7,695.

Hickory Ridge Farm—CAREY TIMES: Nov. 30, 9th race, $5,643. RIP RAP RILEY: Nov. 15, 3rd race, $3,933. ($9,576)

Hillwood Stables LLC—BUNTING: Nov. 3, 5th race, $2,205. FRIEND ME CHARLIE: Nov. 29, 6th race, $1,386. HELLO AMIGO: Nov. 16, 4th race, $1,320; Nov. 28, 9th race, $2,079. LADDIE LIAM: Nov. 14, 6th race, $7,182. SILVER SIDES: Nov. 22, 4th race, $1,134. ($15,306)

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt, Theodore Montuori and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palumbo—TATTOOED: Nov. 9, 7th race, $2,835.

Michael and Debbie Horning—COFFEE PLEASE: Nov. 10, 1st race, $594; Nov. 28, 5th race, $1,134. MIKE THE TIGER: Nov. 28, 1st race, $3,078. ($4,806)

Hamilton Smith, Fred A. Greene Jr. and Deborah Greene—THE POSER: Nov. 30, 2nd race, $2,646.

Ann Biggs Jackson—CRAZED: Nov. 22, 7th race, $495.

Jellicoe Creek LLC—GALLANOR: Nov. 29, 4th race, $945.

Jennifer B. Johnson and Richard A. Johnson—CROSSINGTHEVALLEY: Nov. 9, 6th race, $945; Nov. 29, 4th race, $2,565. ($3,510)

R. Larry Johnson and Legacy Farm—GONE HOME: Nov. 1, 1st race, $1,701.

R. Larry Johnson—NO MO LADY: Nov. 3, 5th race, $5,985. XMASINTHECITY: Nov. 11, 6th race, $2,646. YOU CAN NEVER TELL: Nov. 15, 3rd race, $759. YOU MADE IT: Nov. 14, 9th race, $3,933. ($13,323)

Harry Kassap LLC—QUIET IMAGINATION: Nov. 3, 7th race, $2,079.

Carol A. Kaye—CHARM CITY BAND: Nov. 30, 9th race, $1,089. HUNCA ROCK: Nov. 8, 8th race, $495. ($1,584)

Carl Lanier—HE'S NOT CURLY: Nov. 8, 7th race, $945.

Winding Creek Farm—WHISKEY AND YOU: Nov. 1, 11th race $2,079; Nov. 17, 2nd race, $1,320. ($3,399)

Legacy Farm—DON'TBAGGAGECHECK: Nov. 21, 8th race, $4,617.

Frederick T. Lewis Jr. DVM—TEN OAKS MISS: Nov. 28, 8th race, $1,764.

Fred T. Lewis DVM—TRICKY LION: Nov. 2, 11th race $990.

Little Man Farm—EYE OF THE WILDCAT: Nov. 16, 9th race, $759. FLIRTATION WALK: Nov. 21, 7th race, $495. ($1,254)

Robert T. Manfuso—DAILY NEWS: Nov. 17, 8th race, $1,890. MINE NOT MINE: Nov. 14, 1st race, $5,643. ($7,533)

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—JUMPING MICHELLE: Nov. 1, 10th race $1,764; Nov. 28, 8th race, $4,788. NOBLE WAY: Nov. 22, 3rd race, $1,701. SWING STEP: Nov. 3, 6th race, $945. ($9,198)

Marathon Farms Inc.—CLOSER LOOK: Nov. 16, 2nd race, $1,827. GRECIAN DANCER: Nov. 14, 4th race, $495. ROCKIN RON: Nov. 24, 8th race,

Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program applications open

Applications for the 2020 Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program are being accepted through April 24. In its fourth year, the program will run June 8-13.

Prospective participants can apply at marylandhorseindustryfoundation.org and will be contacted to schedule interviews. The MTCP is a career development initiative started by the Maryland Horse Industry Foundation with the purpose of:

- Increasing awareness of the career options in the Thoroughbred industry.
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The program is open to United States residents ages 17-22 (exceptions considered) and there is no fee to apply or participate; however, participants are required to pay expenses (food, fuel, etc.) throughout the week.

Tentative topics include breeding, racing, sales, aftercare and business basics.

For more information on the program, visit the FAQs page on the MTCP website.

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$3,762. SHOWALTER: Nov. 3, 8th race, $1,551. ($7,635)

Haralabes Maravelias—ISABELLAALEXA: Nov. 3, 7th race, $1,089.

Daniel Marconi—GALERIO: Nov. 15, 9th race, $1,701.

Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—FANNIEBELLEFLEMING: Nov. 10, 3rd race, $3,249.

Maryland Mare Venture, LLC—NAUGHTY THOUGHTS: Nov. 3, 3rd race, $5,130.

Charles C.D. McGill—ATLANTIC AVENUE: Nov. 14, 9th race, $759. JUNIOR SENATOR: Nov. 15, 9th race, $4,617. ($5,376)

Ann W. Merryman—FIYA: Nov. 23, 9th race, $891.

Edwin Merryman—LOUISE: Nov. 23, 2nd race, $495.

Mezza Luna Farm LLC—MAGICAL LUNA: Nov. 21, 3rd race, $5,130.

Donna M. Miller—THE GREAT PROVIDER: Nov. 14, 7th race, $1,134.

Angie Moore and Tiznow Syndicate—MYSTIC TIMES: Nov. 22, 3rd race, $4,617.

Edmund T. Mudge IV—WISE MEN: Nov. 28, 5th race, $594.

Erika Neuberg—MY BEAU: Nov. 11, 6th race, $1,386.

David W. Palmer—BUCKED TOOTH: Nov. 2, 5th race, $1,134.

Cynthia Pence and Philip Spingler—NICK PAPAGIORGIO: Nov. 3, 9th race, $627; Nov. 29, 1st race, $1,197. ($1,824)

Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—COCKTAIL WAITRESS: Nov. 9, 4th race, $495. HANALEI'S HOUDINI: Nov. 9, 7th race, $1,485. TRULY HOT: Nov. 24, 5th race, $726. ($2,706)

Avla Pitts—ROMANOFF: Nov. 2, 2nd race, $5,643; Nov. 30, 2nd race, $7,182. ($12,825)

Bobby L. Plummer—IAM A DANCER: Nov. 29, 3rd race, $3,078.

R C Park Racing Stable Inc.—CAPTAIN TRIPS: Nov. 28, 6th race, $495.

Thomas L. Reynolds—SHADOW BOXER: Nov. 8, 8th race, $2,565.

Cynthia K. Rickman—WINPLACEORSHOWONO: Nov. 29, 5th race, $1,890.

Tim Ritchey and Janet Ritchey—DANCER'S MELODY: Nov. 3, 7th race, $5,643.

Roland Farm—SEVILLA SANGRIA: Nov. 11, 1st race, $1,701.

Timothy J. Rooney—SEANY P: Nov. 2, 5th race, $594; Nov. 22, 8th race, $594. ($1,188)

Sagamore Farm LLC—BESTATGETTINBETTER: Nov. 21, 4th race, $1,134. HARPERS FIRST RIDE: Nov. 16, 8th race, $7,182. START WITH YES: Nov. 2, 4th race, $2,079; Nov. 28, 9th race, $1,089. ($11,484)

Shamrock Farm—LETMESLIDEBYYOU: Nov. 21, 1st race, $1,134.

Michael Terry Shane—MARGIE'S BAND: Nov. 11, 2nd race, $726.

Skeedattle Associates—MY T TALK: Nov. 10, 4th race, $627; Nov. 21, 9th race, $945. ($1,572)

Mary Slade—SYBIL'S PROPHECY: Nov. 29, 4th race, $495.

Hamilton Smith—FIVE STAR PERFECT: Nov. 14, 3rd race, $2,079; Nov. 30, 1st race, $1,764. STONE COURAGEOUS: Nov. 10, 6th race, $1,386. ($5,229)

Spendthrift Farm LLC—BE BOP A LOLA: Nov. 23, 7th race, $3,762. CONFESSOR: Nov. 2, 11th race $5,130. GO WILLOW GO: Nov. 11, 3rd race, $945. HALL PASS: Nov. 30, 4th race, $1,500. TOWSON: Nov. 21, 9th race, $495. ($11,832)

John D. Stuart—KATEANDLILLIAN: Nov. 11, 2nd race, $1,386.

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC—GOOD LIFE CIDER: Nov. 15, 2nd race, $5,643. LUCKY TRINITY: Nov. 3, 4th race, $5,643; Nov. 16, 7th race, $3,000. PAISLEY SINGING: Nov. 1, 9th race, $2,646. PREVAIL UPON: Nov. 23, 5th race, $2,520. SPICY MEATBALL: Nov. 17, 3rd race, $1,827. VICTORY RALLY: Nov. 15, 8th race, $1,485. ($22,764)

Thomas L. Teal—PUNK ROCK PRINCESS: Nov. 16, 1st race, $5,643.

Thornmar Farm and Colleen Torsney—JUSTWAVEANDSMILE: Nov. 17, 2nd race, $2,520.

Thornmar Farm LLC—BARRISTER: Nov. 30, 9th race, $2,079. MINE TO HOLD: Nov. 11, 8th race, $1,134. ($3,213)

Mark Toothaker and Dan White—GREASED-LIGHTNING: Nov. 29, 7th race, $945.

Two Legends Farm—SPARTY: Nov. 1, 7th race, $5,985. TEAM TIM: Nov. 9, 8th race, $561. ($6,546)

Gregory Viands—SENSATIONAL NOTION: Nov. 22, 7th race, $945.

Robert S. Vukelic—CROUCHELLI: Nov. 16, 8th race, $2,646.

Edward N. Williams and Mike Mattese—THREE HAWK: Nov. 29, 6th race, $2,646.

Willow Oaks Stable—ABSOLVED: Nov. 1, 7th race, $2,205. THIRSTY AGAIN: Nov. 29, 3rd race, $594. ($2,799)

Robert Winters and Xanthus Farms Inc.—RELENTLESS LION: Nov. 8, 7th race, $2,565.

ZWP Stable and Non Stop Stable—STEADY LOVE: Nov. 10, 2nd race, $693.

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BALTIMORE BOB (Arbutus: Nov. 8, 2nd race, $242. Little Bay: Nov. 15, 4th race, $378; Nov. 28, 1st race, $198): Robert Gerczak—$818.

BANDBOX (Baptize the Boy: Nov. 17, 1st race, $1,596. Bunting: Nov. 3, 5th race, $735. Friend Me Charlie: Nov. 29, 6th race, $462. He's Not Curly: Nov. 8, 7th race, $315. Hello Amigo: Nov. 16, 4th race, $440; Nov. 28, 9th race, $693. Margie's Band: Nov. 11, 2nd race, $242. My Beau: Nov. 11, 6th race, $462. Silver Sides: Nov. 22, 4th race, $378. The Poser: Nov. 30, 2nd race, $882): Bandbox Syndicate—$6,898.

BOURBON COURAGE (Make It a Double: Nov. 3, 4th race, $693; Nov. 24, 4th race, $1,539. Olive's Bumpa: Nov. 16, 1st race, $693. Punk Rock Princess: Nov. 16, 1st race, $1,881. Stone Courageous: Nov. 10, 6th race, $462): Bourbon Courage Syndicate—$5,268.

BUFFUM (Steady Love: Nov. 10, 2nd race, $231. Stormin Hongkong: Nov. 1, 3rd race, $319): Buffum Syndicate—$550.

CAL NATION (Earned It: Nov. 17, 5th race, $198. Judi Blue Eyes: Nov. 28, 8th race, $308): Cal Nation Syndicate—$506.

CHEROKEE'S BOY (Captain Trips: Nov. 28, 6th race, $165): ZWP Stable.

DANCE WITH RAVENS (Winplaceorshowono: Nov. 29, 5th race, $630): Dance With Ravens Syndicate.

DESPITE THE ODDS (Always Talking: Nov. 10, 2nd race, $1,197. Gone Home: Nov. 1, 1st race, $567. Paloma Gris: Nov. 17, 4th race, $440. Petes Pride: Nov. 23, 7th race, $462. Port Louis: Nov. 23, 4th race, $462. Shadow Boxer: Nov. 8, 8th race, $855. Up Against It: Nov. 22, 9th race, $242): R. Larry Johnson—$4,225.

ETCHED (Tattooed: Nov. 9, 7th race, $945): Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership.

FREEDOM CHILD (Come On Callie: Nov. 9, 3rd race, $855. Confessor: Nov. 2, 11th race, $1,710. Fanniebellefleming: Nov. 10, 3rd race, $1,083. Free to Trump: Nov. 2, 8th race, $165; Nov. 24, 3rd race, $855. Hall Pass: Nov. 30, 4th race, $500.D Limited View: Nov. 15, 7th race, $1,710): Freedom Child Syndicate—$6,878.

FRIESAN FIRE (Bernie's On Fire: Nov. 1, 11th race, $1,881. Fiya: Nov. 23, 9th race, $297. Grecian Dancer: Nov. 14, 4th race, $165. Mission Oberon: Nov. 21, 5th race, $1,596. Rip Rap Riley: Nov. 15, 3rd race, $1,311. Tappahannock: Nov. 29, 2nd race, $462. Whiskey and You: Nov. 1, 11th race, $693; Nov. 17, 2nd race, $440): Friesan Fire Syndicate—$6,845.

GIACOMO (Coffee Please: Nov. 10, 1st race, $198; Nov. 28, 5th race, $378): Giacomo Syndicate—$576.

GOLDEN LAD (Isabellaalexa: Nov. 3, 7th race, $363. Laddie Liam: Nov. 14, 6th race, $2,394. Mine Not Mine: Nov. 14, 1st race, $1,881. Mr. Philly Dilly: Nov. 2, 2nd race, $693. Once in a Lifetime: Nov. 22, 5th race, $588. Paisley Singing: Nov. 1, 9th race, $882): Golden Lad Syndicate—$6,801.

GREAT NOTION (Louise: Nov. 23, 2nd race, $165. Pretty Good Year: Nov. 1, 7th race, $385. Sensational Notion: Nov. 22, 7th race, $315. Zig: Nov. 21, 8th race, $567): Great Notion Syndicate—$1,432.

HUNTERS BAY (Hunt Me Down: Nov. 28, 5th race, $1,026. One Two Three Go: Nov. 1, 2nd race, $1,254; Nov. 14, 9th race, $483): Stronach Group LP—$2,763.

IMAGINING (On the Turf: Nov. 10, 6th race, $882; Nov. 30, 2nd race, $462. Quiet Imagination: Nov. 3, 7th race, $693): Imagining Syndicate—$2,037.

LION HEARTED (Barbsgray Lion: Nov. 29, 7th race, $165. Tricky Lion: Nov. 2, 11th race, $330): Lion Hearted Syndicate—$495.

LOUIS QUATORZE (Iam a Dancer: Nov. 29, 3rd race, $1,026. Marie From Parie: Nov. 10, 4th race, $399): Louis Quatorze Syndicate—$1,425.

NICANOR (Seany P: Nov. 2, 5th race, $198; Nov. 22, 8th race, $198. Sybil's Prophecy: Nov. 29, 4th race, $165): Nicanor Syndicate—$561.

NOT FOR LOVE (Brooks Robinson: Nov. 1, 3rd race, $1,653. Crush It: Nov. 1, 5th race, $385; Nov. 23, 4th race, $242. Swing Step: Nov. 3, 6th race, $315. Torch of Truth: Nov. 1, 5th race, $735): Not For Love Syndicate—$3,330.

ORIENTATE (Crazed: Nov. 22, 7th race, $165. Mine to Hold: Nov. 11, 8th race, $378. Rising Perry: Nov. 24, 7th race, $308): Orientate Syndicate—$851.

OUTFLANKER (Chicken Dinner: Nov. 9, 3rd race, $315. Crouchelli: Nov. 16, 8th race, $882. Eye of the Wildcat: Nov. 16, 9th race, $253. Flirtation Walk: Nov. 21, 7th race, $165. Nick Papagiorgio: Nov. 3, 9th race, $209; Nov. 29, 1st race, $399): Outflanker Syndicate—$2,223.

REDEEMED (Crossingthevalley: Nov. 9, 6th race, $315; Nov. 29, 4th race, $855. Dear Charlotte: Nov. 3, 2nd race, $165. Gallanor: Nov. 29, 4th race, $315. Going to the Lead: Nov. 2, 6th race, $588; Nov. 21, 5th race, $588): Redeemed Syndicate—$2,826.

ROCK SLIDE (Hunca Rock: Nov. 8, 8th race, $165. Letmeslidebyyou: Nov. 21, 1st race, $378): Shamrock Farms—$543.

SEVILLE (GER) (Five Star Perfect: Nov. 14, 3rd race, $693; Nov. 30, 1st race, $588. I Love You: Nov. 3, 5th race, $385. Last Chukker: Nov. 9, 2nd race, $1,254; Nov. 23, 8th race, $399. Sevilla Sangria: Nov. 11, 1st race, $567): Seville (Ger) Syndicate—$3,886.

STREET MAGICIAN (Courtesy Shuffle: Nov. 9, 9th race, $242; Nov. 22, 1st race, $198. Magical Luna: Nov. 21, 3rd race, $1,710. Yes Man: Nov. 22, 9th race, $462): R. Larry Johnson—$2,612.

SUPER NINETY NINE (Be Bop a Lola: Nov. 23, 7th race, $1,254. Fairy Wish: Nov. 3, 1st race, $462; Nov. 23, 1st race, $1,254. Forfiftyfiverocket: Nov. 22, 5th race, $308. Homeofthe Lombardi: Nov. 15, 3rd race, $483. Let's Play Nine: Nov. 28, 9th race, $1,881. Ortinola: Nov. 8, 2nd race, $1,254. Tommy Shelby: Nov. 10, 6th race, $2,394): Country Life Farm and Spendthrift—$9,290.

TRITAP (My Star Potential: Nov. 10, 7th race, $2,394. Tappin Cat: Nov. 1, 5th race, $1,995; Nov. 30, 8th race, $945. Ten Oaks Miss: Nov. 28, 8th race, $588): Tritap Syndicate—$5,922.

University of Maryland News

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

EQUINE STUDIES PROGRAM
ANNUAL 2019 REPORT

EQUINE EXPERIENCES

Whether it be hands-on labs, field trips, student clubs, internships, or paid jobs, our UMD students have no shortage of equine experiences!

Fearless Ideas presented to buyers

10 Equestrian team members qualified for regionals

Eventing team members were Fearless at the intercollegiate challenge!

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin *doing*."
- Walt Disney

Students described assisting with foal births "life-changing"

Working for consignors at professional sale

Foal handling at Shamrock Farm

Watching an embryo collection by Select Breeders Services

Learning important skills in lab

Equestrian club members showed UMD horses during state 4-H judging contest

Students recorded session comments during the statewide horse forum

ACCOLADES!

Aubrey Jaqueth placed 1st for her presentation at the American Forage & Grassland Council meeting & earned her Ph.D.!

Kristina Davis placed 1st for her poster at the Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference & earned her M.S.!

Dr. Burk was elected Chair of the National Association of Equine Affiliated Academics Board & received the 4-H Youth Development Professional Award!

Congrats to UMD bred Fearless Terp for earning over $100k in his racing career!

University of Maryland News

Supporting the Horse Industry

Our educational programs extended beyond the classroom to parts of MD, NJ, NC, CA, and Washington DC in support of the local and national horse industry.

Equine Pasture Management Tips for October
1. Apply Lime
Apply lime to pasture according to soil test or nutrient management plan recommendations.
2. Control Weeds
Continue the suppression of perennial weeds using mowing (to no less than 4 inches) or herbicide control.
3. Mow and Disperse Clippings
Remove or disperse thick dead vegetation to prevent it from killing the underlying grasses and allowing weeds to encroach.

Our monthly tips have reached thousands of Facebook fans!

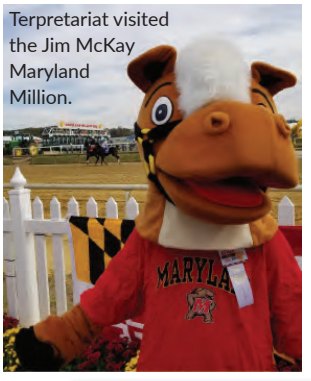
Visit **UMD Horse Extension** on YouTube and watch our new information videos!

From summer camps to professional conferences, we gave 13 talks educating over 300 horse owners.

> *Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.*
> - Anthony J. D'angelo

Jennifer Reynolds helped coordinate the Maryland Horse Forum which identified important industry initiatives for the next 5 years.

New pasture specialist Dr. Amanda Grev spoke at Baltimore County Extension's pasture walk at Sagamore Farm



Terpretariat visited the Jim McKay Maryland Million.

Our research showed that grazing muzzles don't stress horses as much as previously thought!

Follow us on social media or email us to join our listserv to see what we are up to next!

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Maryland-bred top earners in 2019

(through December 31)

1. Sharing	$730,300	11. Nuclear Option	$176,513
2. Top Line Growth	284,498	12. Hello Beautiful	166,558
3. Cordmaker	284,427	13. Lewisfield	160,320
4. Clubman	242,207	14. Zonda	159,407
5. Alwaysmining	240,250	15. So Street	158,933
6. Las Setas	226,890	16. Selflessly	158,000
7. Another Broad	212,350	17. Stephen's Answer	152,799
8. Rocky Policy	205,631	18. Nakamura	151,322
9. Majestic Reason	201,892	19. Just Howard	150,500
10. Taco Supream	201,127	20. Bustoff	147,523

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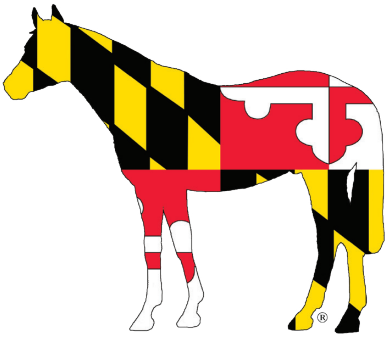

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services, these statistics compiled December 31 are for stallions who currently stand or completed their careers in Maryland. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2019. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2019

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Great Notion	94	596	55	103	$3,195,902
Friesan Fire	98	642	51	84	2,723,790
Not For Love	48	493	34	74	2,066,417
Street Magician	59	366	27	49	1,490,618
Orientate	60	460	37	60	1,441,916
Super Ninety Nine	42	241	24	46	1,244,650
Seville (Ger)	76	428	25	39	1,118,471
Redeemed	40	280	21	30	970,646
Bandbox	32	165	19	28	938,254
Tritap	27	178	14	21	737,519
Petionville	36	206	14	27	717,118
Outflanker	30	203	15	26	670,429
†Golden Lad	18	68	10	15	666,471
†Bourbon Courage	22	76	8	10	567,242
Rock Slide	15	108	10	17	476,140
Nicanor	20	147	13	21	472,250
Buffum	13	84	9	18	431,162

2-year-old earnings in 2019

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
†Golden Lad	18	68	10	15	$666,471
†Bourbon Courage	22	76	8	10	567,242
Super Ninety Nine	16	64	9	14	448,010
†Imagining	17	73	5	6	416,937
Street Magician	7	32	2	5	263,032
Friesan Fire	19	46	8	8	217,273
Bandbox	10	35	5	6	189,720
Great Notion	7	23	6	6	185,933
Seville (Ger)	16	51	4	4	147,690
†Hangover Kid	1	5	1	2	131,953
Outflanker	5	20	2	2	95,408
Orientate	4	16	3	3	81,305

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	845	19,384	686	2,887	$80,549,895
Two Punch	938	18,293	733	2,686	55,270,200
Orientate	682	13,870	532	2,030	47,802,031
Petionville	664	14,322	519	1,931	45,353,834
Louis Quatorze	777	14,954	575	1,956	38,134,297
Lion Hearted	507	9,752	389	1,333	30,088,831
Outflanker	442	9,465	331	1,332	29,481,732
Waquoit	484	11,428	368	1,522	26,928,140
Great Notion	265	4,086	212	695	21,624,513
Go for Gin	322	6,223	214	733	19,373,278
Rock Slide	222	3,921	151	440	11,453,644
Friesan Fire	169	2,696	123	348	10,999,867
Street Magician	110	1,723	76	220	6,718,861
Mojave Moon	156	3,120	107	339	5,945,580

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	365	1,164	139	186	$6,956,746
Two Punch	449	1,447	164	207	5,686,112
Orientate	367	1,155	141	183	5,333,131
Petionville	383	1,184	123	152	4,866,671
Louis Quatorze	338	1,047	104	130	3,509,023
Outflanker	229	924	94	125	3,466,391
Lion Hearted	224	733	81	111	3,096,416
Great Notion	97	295	41	57	2,214,757
Waquoit	204	694	59	84	2,000,531
Friesan Fire	102	317	34	38	1,732,327
Rock Slide	94	299	24	35	1,075,420
Street Magician	53	207	18	22	1,035,824

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The Jersey-bred who won an English Classic

By Bill Finley

It may have been 30 years ago, but a filly named Musical Bliss provided Joan and Dennis Milne memories that will never fade away. Foaled and raised on the farm they now own, Sterlingbrook Farm in Pittstown, N.J., the filly by The Minstrel ran for Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum and won the Group 1 One Thousand Guineas at Newmarket, England, in 1989.

The One Thousand Guineas win is part of the rich history of Sterlingbrook and the Milnes, who have been involved in New Jersey breeding for more than 40 years and remain active today.

Sterlingbrook was founded by the businessman Joe Taub, the former owner of the New Jersey Nets. He needed a partner who understood the breeding and racing businesses and convinced Dennis Milne, then a veterinarian based in Western Canada, to come on board as his partner and advisor. With Taub having deep pockets, Sterlingbrook was capable of playing the breeding game at the highest level and acquired a Quadrangle mare named Bori in 1977 at the Keeneland fall breeding stock sale. She was in foal at the time to Sham and the offspring turned out to be Grade 1 winner Safe Play. With Bori having produced a Grade 1 winner in her first go as a broodmare, the Taub-Milne team was all but guaranteed of future success at the sales.

They hit the jackpot for the first time when selling a Bori colt named Hal Laab, by Taub's homebred multiple graded stakes winner Sensitive Prince, for $700,000 at the 1984 Keeneland July Sale. The New Jersey-bred was bought by Sheikh Mohammed and was unplaced in his lone career start. But Sheikh Mohammed was apparently not deterred and purchased Hal Laab's half-sister Musical Bliss for $350,000 at the 1987 Keeneland July Sale.

"We liked Musical Bliss a lot," Joan Milne said. "We thought we would get a good price for her at the sale. I don't know if you ever anticipate something like a horse going on to win a Group 1 race in Europe."

Trained by Michael Stoute, Musical Bliss was 2-for-2 as a 2-year-old and won the Group 3 Rockfel Stakes. She made her 3-year-old debut in the One Thousand Guineas, which she won by three-quarters of a length.

The Milnes knew they were part of something special and trekked over to England to watch Musical Bliss in her next start. They were one race too late. The filly was sent out in the Epsom Oaks and finished a well-beaten seventh.

"We went to the Epsom Oaks and she didn't run very well in that," Dennis Milne said. "She was a miler and that race was at a mile and a half. That wasn't her cup of tea. Nonetheless,

that was a very exciting time for us. I just wish we had picked the One Thousand Guineas as the race we went over for."

Musical Bliss started just once more, again finished out of the money, and was retired.

It was at about this time that Taub decided to get out of racing. He was getting up in years and his family didn't share his interest in the sport. The Milnes stepped in and leased Sterlingbrook. In 2004, they bought the property outright. The farm also features a full-service veterinary clinic that includes a surgical facility.

No longer having access to Taub's money, they weren't able to acquire top mares, but that didn't put a stop to their passion for the breeding business and their loyalty to New Jersey.

"When we were first approached by Joe to uproot things and come to New Jersey I thought we'd be going to a horrible place," Joan said. "It turned out that New Jersey is wonderful."

The Sterlingbook operation is a small one now and part of the Milnes' income comes from renting out the farm for weddings. But they have never stopped breeding Jersey breds at their Hunterdon County farm. They only breed to race and when the horses are ready for the racetrack they go to Joan, who, long ago, took over the role as the private trainer for Sterlingbrook.

"For a while, it was a little bit iffy investing in Jersey-breds, but we stuck with them," Joan said. "Everything we have bred we have foaled in New Jersey."

That loyalty may soon pay off as the New Jersey-bred program is headed back in the right direction. A $10 million annual purse supplement has bumped up the purses at Monmouth and 2019 saw the return of the bonus structure for New Jersey-breds who hit the board in open company races. The 2020 New Jersey racing season has been extended to include 19 nights of racing at the Meadowlands, which will, for the first time since 2009, include dirt racing.

"We always had faith that the breeding industry in New Jersey would bounce back," Joan said. "We're very encouraged by what is going on and plan to become more active."

They may never breed another Musical Bliss, but the accomplishment of taking a Jersey-bred to the Keeneland sales, having her bought by Sheikh Mohammed and then winning a classic race in England is an important chapter in the history of the state's Thoroughbred breeding program.

Rutgers annual Horse Management Seminar

Rutgers 2020 Horse Management Seminar is scheduled for Feb. 9, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Cook Campus Center in Brunswick, N.J. Jointly hosted by the Rutgers Equine Science Center and Rutgers Cooperative Extension, the seminar will focus on "Racehorse/Sport Horse Care and Rehabilitation."

Dr. Carey Williams, equine specialist and associate director of extension at the Equine Science Center, is confident that the presentations, focused on an area not covered in any previous horse management seminars, will provide valuable information for everyone.

"Our goal for this workshop is to bring in the leading experts in each of these topic areas. This includes broodmare and growing horse nutrition, care of the stallion and new reproductive advances," said Williams.

Williams has assembled presenters who are recognized as the leading experts in their field to offer perspectives and personal insight at the seminar. Experts include presenters from Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center, North Carolina State University, and Foundation Equine Wellness and Performance.

The seminar will also feature research being conducted by graduate students in the Rutgers equine program, plus informational displays, networking opportunities with industry and area organizations, and ample time for one-on-one discussions with the day's presenters.

Complete registration information is available at the Equine Science Center website, www.esc.rutgers.edu.

Stallion Season Auction set for February 14

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey (TBANJ) will conduct its annual Stallion Season Auction beginning Friday, Feb. 14 and ending Sunday, Feb. 16.

The online auction is being hosted on the Starquine bidding platform at www.starquine.com. All participants must be registered with Starquine prior to bidding. Starquine offers an automatic bidding process that allows participants to enter the maximum amount they are willing to pay for a season. Starquine then keeps bidding on the buyer's behalf until the maximum amount is reached or high bidder. Each season's conditions will be posted as part of their auction page on Starquine.

All proceeds from the auction go to the TBANJ, which uses the funds for promoting the Thoroughbred breeding industry in New Jersey. Stallion seasons will be added until the auction begins on Feb. 14 and a complete list of available seasons will be listed on www.njbreds.com.

Please contact the TBANJ office at 732-542-8880 for additional information.

Leading New Jersey-bred Incentive Award earners in 2019

Name	Breeder	Owner	Stallion Owner	Total Earnings
COLONIAL FARMS	$125,460.13	$2,184.00	$25,885.75	$153,529.88
JOE-DAN FARM, INC.	105,500.63	0	40,966	146,466.63
LAW LEGACY STABLES LLC	78,015.19	4,494.00	27,218.63	109,727.82
HOLLY CREST FARM	85,621.88	8,526.00	0	94,147.88
PATRICIA GENERAZIO	45,864.88	2,198.00	13,656.75	61,719.63
HIDDEN ACRES 4-D FARM	43,245.00	3,948.00	0	47,193.00
HOPE HASKELL JONES	38,466.25	4,599.00	0	43,065.25
DENNIS A. DRAZIN	29,231.25	9,330.00	0	38,561.25
RED OAK STABLE	34,560.00	0	0	34,560.00
JOHN BOWERS JR.	31,217.50	1,330.00	0	32,547.50
ESTHER DE JONG	32,000.00	0	0	32,000.00
ISABELLE H. DE TOMASO	31,782.50	0	0	31,782.50
JONATHAN BROWN	26,898.13	2,163.00	0	29,061.13
JET-M STABLE	24,313.50	3,472.00	0	27,785.50
ESTATE OF JOSEPH H. PIERCE JR.	26,973.75	0	0	26,973.75
BRIGHT VIEW FARM, INC.	26,623.75	0	0	26,623.75
QUIET WINTER FARM	26,065.63	0	0	26,065.63
G J STABLES	23,175.00	2,870.00	0	26,045.00
RICHARD & CHEREE HOOVER	25,750.00	0	0	25,750.00
EDWARD ROSEN & JOHN BOWERS JR.	25,105.00	0	0	25,105.00

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THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

February 2020

President's message

Hello All,

As I am writing this, I am trying to reflect on 2019 but realize I can't remember most of it. So, oh well, onto a new year and new decade, and the hope to do better than ever before.

Congratulations to all who had horses make it to the racetrack this reporting period. If your horse made it to the Winner's Circle, that's an extra bonus. Dan and Christy Shea must be super excited to have Bank On Shea in their Shea D Boy's Stable. Watching the way this son of Central Banker won the $500,000 Great White Way, the New York Stallion Series race for 2-year-olds in December, was exhilarating, and I sure do love how he closed. Jose Lezcano gave a brilliant ride on a colt with a lot of heart. If you haven't seen the race, it's really worth watching the reply. You can find it posted on our NCTA Facebook page or on NYRA's YouTube channel.

Please send pictures of your 2020 babies and news of your sales and acquisitions. They are also newsworthy and fun to report.

Thank you to those who've sent in your membership renewals already. If you haven't already done so, please do. We really can't survive without you. I hope your 2020 is the best year of your life!

/Rebecca Montaldo

Racing Recap

Flat Out Flying (2016, Flat Out—She'sa Tough Tiger, by Tiger Ridge) entered the winner's circle at Parx Racing Nov. 25 after the fourth race going 1 mile in 1:38.77. Bred by members Beth Muirhead and Frank Coniglio, the gelding was the last to leave the gate, unhurried at the start and running near the back of the pack on the inside, saving ground. After the half, he rallied, swinging around the field on the final turn before taking the lead at the top of the stretch and drawing off to win by 5¾ lengths as the 9-10 favorite. He was claimed out of the race by trainer Juan Serey for C and R Horse Farm.

Royalbonnielegacy (2015, Include—Royal Bonnie, by Yankee Gentleman) won the 10th race at Finger Lakes Nov. 27 going 6 furlongs in 1:14.79 over a sloppy sealed track. Winning her second straight for partner, owner Brad Graham, she carried the most weight (124 pounds) in the field. Although one of the last to leave the gate, she started to gain position running in the two-path. Bearing out some in the stretch, she took the lead and won going away by 2¼ lengths as the odds-on favorite.

Let's Play Nine (2016, Super Ninety Nine—Arch Enemy, by Arch) (above) won at first asking Nov. 28 in the ninth race at Laurel Park, pulling away under a hand ride to win by 10½ lengths while getting 6 furlongs in 1:10.77. He is owned in partnership by James Jones. The gelding broke last but quickly took the lead as he gained position when accelerating between horses and set the pace along the rail.

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Drip Brew (NC) (2014, Yes It's True—Sonorous, by Unbridled's Song) won Remington Park's sixth race Nov. 29, going 6 furlongs on a muddy, sealed track in 1:09.91. Bred by Frank Batten, this is the mare's eighth win of the year, with a second and two thirds from 13 starts. As is her normal running style, Drip Brew broke well, went to the lead, set the pace and won by 5¼ lengths.

Bank On Shea (Central Banker—Miss Moultree, by Uncle Mo) (above, inside) won the $500,000 Great White Way Division, New York Stallion Series Stakes, for 2-year-olds Dec. 14 at Aqueduct, going 7 furlongs in 1:26.59 on a sloppy sealed track. Owned by Dan and Christy Shea – Shea D Boy's Stable, trained by Jason Servis and ridden by Jose Lezcano, the bay colt broke well from post position 10. Not wanting to get involved on the front end early on, the bay colt ran mid pack until late in the turn, inching his way into contention. He made his inside run at the quarter pole to nip dual stakes-winner and favorite Dream Bigger by a nose at the wire.

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Keota (2015, Lonhro-Aus—Mystic Mama, by Scat Daddy) won at Gulfstream Park Dec. 18 at 5 furlongs on the turf. Her final time was :55.38. The gray, bred by Nancy Shuford, broke to the inside, raced mid-pack, quickly moved three wide while edging closer to the leader, and took over in the stretch to win in hand by 4¼ lengths as the favorite.

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Afleet Roger (2016, Afleet Alex—Rinella Bay, by Roman Ruler) broke his maiden at Fair Grounds Dec. 19 for breeder and owner Denise Walsh's Never Better Stables. He completed the 1 1/16 miles on the main track in 1:46.98. The gray gelding broke from post position 4, stalked the pace from the inside, gained in position midway down the backstretch, took the lead at the half-mile pole and started pulling away down the stretch to win by 9¼ lengths.

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Date	Horse	Track	NCTA Connection	Result
25-Nov	Flat Out Flying	Parx	Bred by Beth Muirhead & Frank Coniglio; owned by Frank	**WINNER!**
27-Nov	Royalbonnielegacy	Finger Lakes	Owned by Brad Graham in a partnership	**WINNER!**
28-Nov	Texas Wedge	Churchill Downs	Bred by Nancy Shuford	2nd
28-Nov	Let's Play Nine	Laurel Park	Owned by James Jones in a partnership	**WINNER!**
29-Nov	Allegheny Dbl Lime	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	2nd
29-Nov	Your Secret's Safe	Penn National	Bred by Nancy Shuford	2nd
29-Nov	Dancing Derek	Woodbine	Owned by Bill Thompson - Maple Lane Farm	3rd
29-Nov	Drip Brew (NC)	Remington Park	Bred by Frank Batten	**WINNER!**
30-Nov	Royal Wedding	Woodbine	Owned by Bill Thompson - Maple Lane Farm	3rd
5-Dec	Dionysus' Chalice	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	3rd
6-Dec	Created Special	Laurel Park	Owned by Kenan Rand; Bred by Beth Muirhead	2nd
6-Dec	Dancing Derek	Woodbine	Bred & owned by Bill Thompson - Maple Leaf Farm	2nd
6-Dec	Henry Standingbear	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	3rd
12-Dec	Cayenne Creek	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	2nd
14-Dec	**Bank On Shea**	**Aqueduct-$500,000 Great White Way Div. NYSS**	**Owned by Dan & Christy Shea - Shea D Boy's Stables**	**WINNER!**
18-Dec	Keota	Gulfstream Park	Bred by Nancy Shuford	**WINNER!**
19-Dec	No Altar Boy	Charles Town	Bred by Clint Lowry	2nd
19-Dec	Afleet Roger	Fair Grounds	Bred & owned by Denise Walsh - Never Better Stables	**WINNER!**

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NEW OHIO STAKES SCHEDULE WILL SPREAD THE WEALTH

BEST OF OHIO SERIES TO TAKE PLACE AT EACH TRACK

With a schedule now approved by the Ohio State Racing Commission for 2020, each Thoroughbred track will feature a "Best of Ohio Series" offering $500,000 at each. The series is well spaced out throughout the season, offering races in each division. The change and purse re-distribution was brought forth to the O.S.R.C. with the support of the Boards of both the H.B.P.A. and O.T.B.O.

"Quite a bit of thought and planning went into this creative schedule change and a lot of credit goes to the racing secretaries at each track," said John Engelhardt, Executive Director of the O.T.B.O. "First of all, it is important to note that no existing stakes races have been eliminated, but 10 races are seeing their purses hiked to $100,000. Rather than have just one day with five $150,000 races we will have three 'Best of Ohio Series" days–one at each track offering five $100,000 races."

"It spreads the available monies throughout the entire season," he continued. "This will also give each track a chance to have the spotlight in Ohio focused on them. The O.T.B.O. and H.B.P.A. are willing to dedicate resources to assist each track to assist on the promotion of these days. We expect for the tracks to welcome and embrace this format with advertising and promotions leading up to each big day and we will work alongside of them to assist with both. It is a win-win for the horsemen, owners, breeders and the Racinos."

The first of the series will take place at Belterra Park, strategically placed on the weekend between the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes– a time of the year when racing is in the forefront of people's minds. The May 9 program is too early in the season to draw strong 2-year-old fields, so the day will feature races for the 3-year-olds and older horses. The $100,000 Best of Ohio races will be the Best of Ohio Tall Stacks; Norm Barron Queen City Oaks; Babst/Palacios Memorial; Diana and Sydney Gendelman Memorial Stakes.

Thistledown's Best of Ohio series will take place Aug. 8 where the 2-year-old division will start the $500,000 day with the Cleveland Kindergarten and Miss Ohio Stakes. Older horses can compete in races from 6 furlongs to 1¼ miles with the Honey Jay, Pay The Man, and Ohio Governor's Buckeye Cup Stakes on the schedule.

The final leg of the $500,000 series will take place at Mahoning Valley Oct. 31 using the same races that constituted the previously existing Best of Ohio day with 2-year-old events–the Best of Ohio Juvenile and John Galbreath Memorial Stakes (for fillies). Older horses can compete in the Sprint, Distaff or Endurance. Conditions for each race for the entire series are listed on the following 2020 schedule.

2020 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Stakes Schedule

21-Mar	Saturday	Southern Park S	3-Year-Old (F)	Mahoning Valley	6 fur.	$ 75,000
11-Apr	Saturday	Howard B. Noonan S	3-Year-Old	Mahoning Valley	6 fur.	75,000
9-May	Saturday	Best of Ohio Tall Stacks S	3-Year-Old	Belterra Park	6½ fur.	100,000
9-May	Saturday	Best of Ohio Norm Barron Queen City Oaks	3-Year-Old (F)	Belterra Park	1 1/16 miles	100,000
9-May	Saturday	Best of Ohio Babst/Palacios Memorial S	3-Year-Old & up	Belterra Park	6 fur.	100,000
9-May	Saturday	Best of Ohio Diana S	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Belterra Park	6 fur.	100,000
9-May	Saturday	Best of Ohio Sydney Gendelman Memorial S	3-Year-Old & up	Belterra Park	1 1/16 miles (T)	100,000
30-May	Saturday	Dr. T.F. Classen Memorial S	3-Year-Old & up Accredited (F&M)	Thistledown	6 fur.	75,000
31-May	Sunday	Green Carpet S	3-Year-Old	Belterra Park	1 1/16 miles (T)	75,000
6-Jun	Saturday	Michael F. Rowland Memorial H	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Thistledown	6 fur.	75,000
20-Jun	Saturday	George Lewis Memorial	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Thistledown	1 1/16 miles	75,000
20-Jun	Saturday	J. William Petro Memorial H	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	1 1/16 miles	75,000
27-Jun	Saturday	Daniel Stearns Cleveland Gold Cup	3-Year-Old	Thistledown	1⅛ miles	75,000
4-Jul	Saturday	Hoover S	2-Year-Old	Belterra Park	5½ fur.	75,000
4-Jul	Saturday	Cincinnatian S	3-Year-Old Accredited (F)	Belterra Park	1 1/16 miles (T)	75,000
11-Jul	Saturday	Jim Morgan Memorial - Tah Dah S	2-Year-Old (F)	Belterra Park	5½ fur.	75,000
12-Jul	Sunday	Vivacious H	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Belterra Park	1 1/16 miles (T)	75,000
18-Jul	Saturday	Buckeye Native S	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Belterra Park	1 1/16 miles (T)	75,000
19-Jul	Sunday	Tomboy S	3-Year-Old (F)	Belterra Park	1 1/16 miles (T)	75,000
8-Aug	Saturday	Best of Ohio Cleveland Kindergarten S	2-Year-Old	Thistledown	6 fur.	100,000
8-Aug	Saturday	Best of Ohio Miss Ohio S	2-Year-Old (F)	Thistledown	6 fur.	100,000
8-Aug	Saturday	Best of Ohio Honey Jay S	3-Year-Old & up	Thistledown	6 fur.	100,000
8-Aug	Saturday	Best of Ohio Pay The Man S	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	1⅛ miles	100,000
8-Aug	Saturday	Best of Ohio Governor's Buckeye Cup S	3-Year-Old & up	Thistledown	1¼ miles	100,000
9-Aug	Sunday	Horizon S	3-Year-Old Accredited	Belterra Park	1 1/16 miles (T)	75,000
4-Sep	Friday	Miss Southern Ohio S	3-Year-Old & up Accredited (F&M)	Belterra Park	1 1/16 miles (T)	75,000
12-Sep	Saturday	Michael G. Mackey Memorial-Angenora S	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	6 fur.	75,000
18-Sep	Friday	Loyalty S	2-Year-Old Accredited	Belterra Park	6 fur.	75,000
26-Sep	Saturday	Catlaunch S	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Thistledown	1 1/16 miles	75,000
3-Oct	Saturday	Emerald Necklace S	2-Year-Old (F) Accredited	Thistledown	6 fur.	75,000
10-Oct	Saturday	Scarlet & Gray H	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	6 fur.	75,000
31-Oct	Saturday	Best of Ohio Distaff S	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Mahoning Valley	1⅛ miles	100,000
31-Oct	Saturday	Best of Ohio Endurance S	3-Year-Old & up	Mahoning Valley	1¼ miles	100,000
31-Oct	Saturday	Best of Ohio Sprint S	3-Year-Old & up	Mahoning Valley	6 fur.	100,000
31-Oct	Saturday	Best of Ohio Juvenile S	2-Year-Old	Mahoning Valley	1 1/16 miles	100,000
31-Oct	Saturday	Best of Ohio John Galbreath Memorial S	2-Year-Old (F)	Mahoning Valley	1 1/16 miles	100,000
7-Nov	Saturday	Ohio Debutante H	3-Year-Old & up Accredited (F&M)	Mahoning Valley	1 mile*	75,000
21-Nov	Saturday	Cardinal H	3-Year-Old & up	Mahoning Valley	6 fur.	75,000
21-Nov	Saturday	First Lady S	3-Year-Old (F)	Mahoning Valley	6 fur.	75,000
28-Nov	Saturday	Glacial Princess S	2-Year-Old Accredited (F)	Mahoning Valley	6 fur.	75,000
28-Nov	Saturday	Ruff/Kirchberg Memorial H	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Mahoning Valley	1 mile*	75,000
19-Dec	Saturday	Joshua S. Radosevich Memorial-Ohio Freshman S	2-Year-Old Accredited	Mahoning Valley	6 fur.	75,000
19-Dec	Saturday	Bobbie Bricker Memorial H	3-Year-Old & up Accredited (F&M)	Mahoning Valley	1 mile*	75,000

* - Distance will change to 1 Mile & 70 Yards with field size of 8 or greater

GRADE 1 STAKES WINNER DRILL JOINS RAIMONDE FARMS ROSTER

T.D. Houghton guides Drillit to a 16¼-length victory in the 2018 John W. Galbreath Memorial at Thistledown.

The stallion ranks in Ohio continue to grow in quality. The latest addition is Drill. Conditioned by Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, he broke his maiden in his second start at Del Mar, then captured the Grade 1 Del Mar Futurity 26 days later over Creative Cause, starting a bit of a rivalry between the two. Creative Cause would turn the tables in their next start–the Grade 1 Norfolk Stakes.

In his second start as a 3-year-old, Drill captured the Grade 2 San Vicente Stakes at Santa Anita, with Creative Cause third. Two races later Drill added Hollywood Park's Grade 3 Lazaro Barrera Memorial. As a 4-year-old he was twice stakes-placed and raced at 5, placing in the Grade 2 San Pasqual Stakes to close out his career with $557,022.

Drill was standing at Get Away Farm in Ocala, Fla., when Brian Raimonde made an offer to purchase him. "We knew he was available and we found a common ground to buy him and bring him to Ohio. He is young in his career [his oldest crop are 4-year-olds of 2020] and I think he is a stallion you could go to if you are looking for speed. Like him, his foals should develop quickly." Proof of that statement is a filly from his first crop, the Ohio-bred Drillit. As a 2-year-old she flashed brilliant speed and dominated her division, highlighted by her smashing 16¼-length win in the $150,000 John W. Galbreath Memorial, sealing her state championship.

Drill is by champion older male Lawyer Ron out of Cat Dancer, a daughter of Storm Cat. As a broodmare, Cat Dancer sold for $1.4 million and has had foals sell for up to $1.5 million. Cat Dancer is a sister to graded stakes winner Magic Storm, the dam of two group stakes winners, both earners of over $2.5 million.

Drill will join the stallions Hostile Takeover, Kennedy, Quick Change and Vaquero at Raimonde Farms located at 2017 South Elyria Road, Wooster, Ohio 44691. Drill will stand his first Ohio season for an introductory fee of $2,500.

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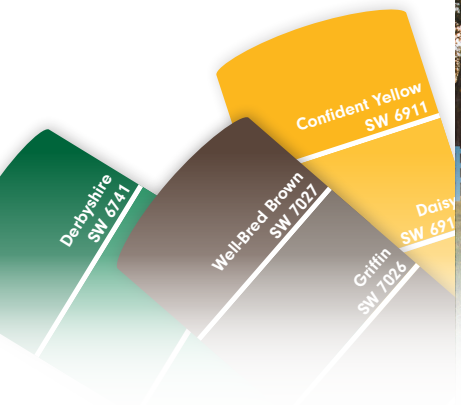

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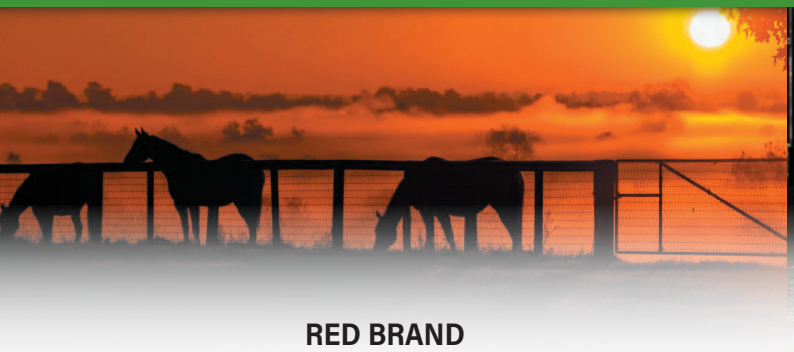

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Profitable Pennsylvania Partnership

by Emily Shields

The members of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association board often discuss a timeless topic: how to get new owners and breeders involved in the sport of horse racing.

"Breeding a horse can be very complicated if you're never been involved in doing it," said board member Hank Nothhaft. "It's fairly daunting if you're new in the industry."

That's when Nothhaft and fellow board member Betsy Barr started discussing the idea of launching an ultra-transparent breeding partnership for new players, and eating the costs themselves if it failed. But the end result was far from failure, it was a home run.

Bloodstock agent Carl McEntee went to $80,000 to secure Tensas Cowgirl for the partnership at the 2018 Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale. Just a year later, the mare sold for $60,000 while the foal who had been in utero at the time of her purchase, a son of Speightstown, brought $225,000.

To first get the idea off the ground, Barr and Nothhaft presented their plan to the board. "Hank and I saw a need to improve the broodmare quality in Pennsylvania," Barr said. "The problem is that there just aren't a lot of people who on their own can buy an $80,000 or $100,000 horse. It's too intimidating because if you're wrong, that's a meaningful loss. Hank and I intended to be completely transparent too if we were successful or not."

The goal of improving stock went hand in hand with getting new investors on board. "There's a lot of perception that only wealthy people breed racehorses, but in Pennsylvania that's just not the case," Barr said. "There's a lot of bread and butter guys who will never go anywhere but Parx and Penn National, but that's fine because the program is wonderful. The goal was to get new blood into the industry, people that couldn't do it on their own and not at the level we were talking about."

Tensas Cowgirl with her 2019 PA-bred Speightstown colt.

Nothhaft drafted an agreement and planned to do the entire operation at cost, rather than include the markups that many partnerships use. "Betsy and I financially guaranteed that if we couldn't succeed in getting others involved, at least we would see the thing through."

Barr used her own contacts to round up a group of eight, about half of whom had never been involved in the horse business at all. Then McEntee stepped in to secure a mare.

Tensas Cowgirl, by Cowboy Cal, was unraced, but her dam Tensas Wedding Joy produced Grade 1 winner Big World and had

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sold in foal to Honor Code for $250,000 in 2016. Tensas Cowgirl was in foal to Speightstown, who stood for a fee of $80,000.

"To be honest, I didn't think we could afford her," McEntee said. "She was a half to a Grade 1 winner with good physical attributes. Speightstown can get you a smaller foal so you need to have plenty of size and substance underneath him. Physically she had a great shoulder and hip, and was coming up near the end of the sale."

McEntee finds the first and last 10 hips each session can bring bargains, given that the sale may not be in full swing yet, or potential bidders may duck out early for dinner. "I stayed late that night, hoping most people would retreat to restaurants and bars. I thought we might get lucky."

The group did, securing Tensas Cowgirl for $80,000—the same price as the fee to breed her that year. They immediately shipped her back to Blackstone Farm in Pennsylvania.

"We were lucky enough to have a healthy, athletic, good-sized Speightstown colt," Nothhaft said. The mare and foal were ultimately shipped to Forever Spring Farm to be sales prepped by manager Matt Jackson for the following year, and the mare could be bred back to a Kentucky stallion. "In looking at younger sires with attractive stud fees that were highly commercial, we decided to go with Classic Empire," Nothhaft said. "She didn't take on the first cover so I was kind of sweating bullets, but we got her in foal on the second cover and were marching forward to sell."

During the 2019 Keeneland November sale, the group took their profits and immediately reinvested, securing an Exchange Rate mare named Guise in foal to leading freshman sire American Pharoah for just $85,000.

"She has a lighter page than the first mare we bought," McEntee said, "but she is big, scopey, and attractive. I liked her size and substance, and that she was in foal to a leading sire like American Pharoah, who will have a $175,000 fee [this year]. I was pleased to get her so we can repeat the process."

According to Barr, "Everyone is back in on the new mare. We think Carl found a really good opportunity and now we just have to shepherd her through the process."

Barr noted that Nothhaft, "was quick to tell the partners any time anything happened with Speightstown. He didn't beat people to death with information, but kept them in the loop and sent them updates with what was going on. They're all business owners in different ways and entrepreneurial in their mindsets which is why they were willing to take the chance in the first place."

"I tried to take a lot of photos and send them along to the group," Nothhaft concurred. "I thought it would both keep them updated and stimulate their interest."

The entire project was a group effort from start to finish, and will continue to be so in the next few months waiting for Guise to foal. "It was a real team effort between several board members of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association," Nothhaft said.

"We shipped the mare from Keeneland via Brook Ledge, so that's Glenn Brok," Barr said. "We went to Blackstone so that's Doug Black. And Matt Jackson at Forever Spring is such a devoted horseman; if our colt had had a pimple on him, Matt would have been on it."

Nothhaft summarized: "We were risking the failure and embarrassment of not doing well, but if we could attract new people who have a positive experience perhaps they would stick in it. I felt strong enough about the goals that I volunteered to see if we could make it happen."

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The goal of the organization is to advocate on behalf of the state's breeding industry. We are mandated by statute as administrator of the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program, and as official registrar of the Pennsylvania-Bred roster of eligible program participants.

Working with industry leaders over the years, PHBA has achieved several goals that have brought reform and benefits to breeders, owners, racetracks and the public. The PHBA is vital to everyone involved in breeding throughout Pennsylvania. Your support and participation can help Pennsylvania's breeding industry continue to grow and prosper.

2019 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.
Dates and conditions for all the PA-Bred Stakes are subject to change.
Please contact the racing offices for the most current schedules.

Sat., April 27 Parx	**$100,000 Lyman S**, 3 & up, 7 fur. 1st-Midnightcharly, 2nd-Long May You Run, 3rd-Jw'strickymischief
	$100,000 Foxy J. G. S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st-Zipper's Hero, 2nd-Sweetest Yet, 3rd-Its a Journey
Sat., June 1 Penn	**$100,000 Danzig S**, 3YO, 6 fur. 1st-Call Paul, 2nd-Thiscatcanjump, 3rd-Kaiju
	$100,000 New Start S, 3YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Gotta Be Strong, 2nd-I'm the Talent, 3rd-Key Light
Sun., June 9 Penn	**$100,000 Lyphard S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1⁄16 mi., turf 1st-Imply, 2nd-Wildcat Cartridge, 3rd-Smokinpaddylassie
	$100,000 Robellino S, 3 & up, 1 1⁄16 mi., turf 1st-Fast and Accurate, 2nd-Beyond Smart, 3rd-Driven to Compete
Sat., June 22 Parx	**$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S**, 3YO, 1 1⁄16 mi., turf 1st-Chilly in Charge, 2nd-Wrong Color, 3rd-Kelli's Smile
	$100,000 Power by Far S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf 1st-Wildcat Combat, 2nd-Afleet Tizzy, 3rd-The Circle Game
Sun., July 7 PID	**$100,000 Leematt S**, 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st-Jaguar Poz, 2nd-Missin the Big Dog, 3rd-Fast and Accurate
	$100,000 Northern Fling S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st-Imply, 2nd-Darcy Mae, 3rd-Trolley Ride
Sat., Aug. 3 Parx	**$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S**, 3 & up, 6 fur. 1st-Midtowncharlybrown, 2nd-Midnightcharly, 3rd-The Man
PA Day At Races	**$100,000 Roanoke S**, 3 & up, 1 1⁄16 mi. 1st-Someday Jones, 2nd-Grasshoppin, 3rd-Navy Commander
	$100,000 Marshall Jenney S, 3 & up, 5 fur., turf 1st-Hollywood Talent, 2nd-Amblin Man, 3rd-Smooth B
	$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur. 1st-Afleet Tizzy, 2nd-Sweet Bye and Bye, 3rd-Trace of Grace
	$100,000 Mrs. Penny S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1⁄16 mi., turf 1st-Imply, 2nd-Pink Elephant, 3rd-Shemakesmehappy
Mon., Sept. 9 PID	**$100,000 Malvern Rose S**, 3YO fillies, 1 mi. 1st-Ledecka, 2nd-Redeem My Heart, 3rd-Key Light
Sat., Sept. 21, Parx	**$100,000 Alphabet Soup S**, 3 & up, 1 1⁄16 mi., turf 1st-Pumpkin Rumble, 2nd-Saratoga Jack, 3rd-Taxable Goods
	$100,000 Plum Pretty S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 1⁄16 mi. 1st-Trace of Grace, 2nd-Trolley Ride, 3rd-Mill and Gloria
Mon., Sept. 23 PID	**$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S**, 2YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Weed Wacker, 2nd-Lula's Roadrunner, 3rd-Leaky Cauldron
Wed., Oct. 16 PID	**$100,000 Mark McDermott S**, 2YO, 6 fur. 1st-Newstome, 2nd-Live Fire, 3rd-Weed Wacker
Wed., Nov. 27 Penn	**$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S**, 2YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Precious, 2nd-Chilly Sky, 3rd-Autonomous
Sat., Dec. 7 Parx	**$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S**, 2YO, 7 fur. 1st-Hockey Puck, 2nd-Golden Candy, 3rd-Newstome

Total: $2,750,000

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through November 30, 2019

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	403,722	403,722	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	96,676	70,344	167,020
Glenn E. Brok LLC	241,017	126,531	367,548	Patricia L. Chapman	86,140	58,851	144,991
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	219,200	118,384	337,584	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	144,572	0	144,572
Barlar LLC	237,320	52,605	289,925	Xanthus Farms Inc.	111,440	5,238	116,678
Blackstone Farm LLC	284,958	1,421	286,379	Thomas G. McClay	116,510	0	116,510
Pewter Stable	249,454	33,745	283,199	Peter Giangiulio	79,529	25,484	105,013
Donald L. Brown Jr.	220,282	57,022	277,304	Yaroslaw Kolybabiuk MD	92,452	0	92,452
William J. Solomon VMD	120,873	132,381	253,254	St. Omer's Farm	92,444	0	92,444
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	237,582	0	237,582	Kenneth L. Ramsey	69,000	17,773	86,773
Godric LLC	190,207	0	190,207	Robert G. Rutherford	83,362	0	83,362
Sylmar Farm Inc.	184,853	0	184,853	Stonehedge Farm of PA/Equivine Farm	82,576	0	82,576
Godstone Farm LP	133,638	37,559	171,197	Gunpowder Farms LLC	81,084	0	81,084

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	565	233,416	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	57	33,173
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	359	118,384	Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	58	31,214
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	223	103,913	Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	117	30,548
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	159	87,951	Offlee Wild	William J. Solomon VMD	85	27,979
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	98	81,281	Winchill	Pewter Stable	34	27,700
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	222	57,703	Partner's Hero	Peter Giangiulio	64	19,311
Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	63	57,022	Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	64	17,124
E Dubai	Barlar LLC	85	52,605	Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	93	17,004
Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	164	51,328	Reflect Times	Flint W. Stites	63	16,067
Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	85	35,569	Cozar	Glenn S. Wismer Racing Stables Inc.	50	15,429
Any Given Saturday	William J. Solomon VMD	145	34,433	Corinthian	William J. Solomon VMD	104	15,227
Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	167	34,176	Flashy Bull	James E. Hess	55	14,973

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Restricted	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Owner Bonus	Total
Imply *	E Dubai - Allude	Barlar LLC	4	0	176,400	99,432	24,858	6,480	307,170
Midnightcharly *	Uptowncharlybrown - Torchwood	Godric LLC	11	0	77,200	103,147	25,787	22,028	228,162
Someday Jones *	Smarty Jones - Last Toots	Patricia L. Chapman	5	0	59,400	68,100	17,025	16,000	160,525
Gotta Be Strong	Strong Mandate - Gotta Rush	Scott Naylor	10	0	62,280	46,328	0	41,840	150,448
Wildcat Combat *	Messner - She Is a Loness	Donald L. Brown Jr.	4	0	57,000	59,396	14,849	15,040	146,285
Promised Storm *	El Padrino - Innovative	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	8	0	0	77,858	19,464	48,584	145,906
Trace of Grace *	Petionville - Joy to Run	W M T Stables Inc.	4	0	67,200	48,352	13,888	15,680	145,120
Midtowncharlybrown *	Uptowncharlybrown - Torchwood	Godric LLC	4	0	62,640	53,400	13,350	0	129,390
Hey Mamaluke *	Jump Start - Pu Dew	Joseph T. Capriglione	8	0	0	63,552	15,888	34,080	113,520
I'm the Talent *	Talent Search - Oh Lolly Lolly	Golden Oak Farm LLC	5	0	19,800	57,456	13,419	21,840	112,515
Hollywood Talent *	Talent Search - Intrinsic Value	Kenneth L. Ramsey	3	0	57,600	42,000	10,500	0	110,100
Zipper's Hero *	Partner's Hero - Open Zipper	Peter Giangiulio	5	0	65,340	32,300	8,075	0	105,715
D T Goodie *	Jump Start - Free Strike	Donald Clifford Wilson	12	0	0	63,158	15,790	24,256	103,204
Afleet Tizzy	Tizway - Nec Metu	Blackstone Farm LLC	5	0	76,600	22,627	0	1,156	100,383
Mess'n Around *	Messner - She Is a Loness	Donald L. Brown Jr.	12	0	5,760	58,470	14,618	17,756	96,604
Word On a Wing *	Winchill - Merry's Pegasus	Pewter Stable	5	0	0	55,308	13,272	22,320	90,900
Thiscatcanjump *	Jump Start - Cat Mistress	Richard A. Malouf	7	0	23,120	41,416	10,354	14,720	89,610
Weed Wacker	Artie Schiller - Annette's Jet	Triple Threat Stables LLC	3	0	68,870	18,274	0	0	87,144
Jaguar Poz	Majesticperfection - Star of Luvina	James E. Hess	3	0	59,400	18,952	0	8,160	86,512
Trolley Ride *	Flashy Bull - Proudly Irish	Sandra Kim Eshleman	5	0	33,810	33,717	9,029	6,480	83,036
Newstome	Goldencents - Newstouse	Equivine Farm LLC	2	0	58,200	22,890	0	0	81,090
Fast and Accurate	Hansen - It's Heidi's Dance	John R. Penn	2	0	66,690	13,338	0	0	80,028
Ruby Bleu *	Messner - Ruby Soul	Donald L. Brown Jr.	5	0	3,960	37,968	9,492	27,120	78,540
Precious	Fed Biz - Brilliant Sunshine	Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd	2	0	60,000	18,000	0	0	78,000

*Denotes PA-sired

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South Carolina

Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020

Racing Across the Nation

Between Nov. 25 and Dec. 20, South Carolina farms and training centers saw seven graduates cross the finish line first in stakes races.

Saint Alfred, who has spent time at both Elloree Training Center and Webb Carroll Training Center during his career, captured the Mass Bred Championship Handicap at Finger Lakes Nov. 25. Having only one beat early on (eighth of nine), he was three- to four-wide throughout, made the lead inside the eighth pole and won by a half length.

Firenze Fire pushed his lifetime earnings to $1.63 million following his victory in the Fabulous Strike Stakes at Penn National Nov. 27. The overwhelming favorite showed why. Taking the lead at the five-sixteenths pole, he surged to the front, sprinted clear and crossed the line 4½ lengths ahead of the field in a hand ride. He is a product of Travis Durr's program at Webb Carroll Training Center.

On the same Penn National card, another Webb Carroll Training Center grad, Precious, was 3 lengths best in the Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes. Trailing early on, she accelerated entering the turn and passed all by the time she had reached the sixteenth pole.

The 2-year-old filly Angle of Attack made it two in a row when best in the Eleanor Casey Memorial Stakes at Charles Town Nov. 30. Stalking overwhelming favorite Boundtobebad to the top of the stretch, Angle of Attack dug in and battled to the wire, proving best by a head. She is a product of Randy and Kala Rentz's program at Rentz Farm.

Spanish Point, who went through the breaking process at Wilhelmina and Fred McEwan's Fenwick Farm, raced twice as a 2-year-old. She broke her maiden at Belmont Park in September before becoming a stakes winner at Gulfstream Park Nov. 30 following the House Party Stakes. Prominent early on, she gained the lead before the half-mile pole and under steady urging, held her advantage to the wire. She won by 1¾ lengths.

Lewisfield gained his fourth lifetime stakes victory in the Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial at Laurel Park Dec. 7. A graduate of Franklin "Goree" Smith's program at Elloree Training Center, he quickly moved to the lead and, while under steady pressure, prevailed by a neck in a thriller of a finish.

Mitchell Road, a year-older half-sister to 2019 Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Country House, broke on top and never looked back in the My Charmer Stakes at Gulfstream Park Dec. 14. Mitchell Road learned her early lessons at Webb Carroll Training Center, as did Country House.

Concrete Rose named 2019 Aiken-trained Horse of the Year

The Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame and Museum has named Concrete Rose as the 2019 Aiken-Trained Horse of the Year. In 2019, Concrete Rose earned $1,041,900.

As a yearling and leading up to the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale of 2-year-olds-in training, this filly was under the care of Justin Wojzynski. Concrete Rose sold under his White Pine Thoroughbreds banner. She is now owned by Ashbrook Farm and BBN Racing and is trained by Rusty Arnold.

In 2019 Concrete Rose was undefeated in four starts, all stakes–the Grade 1 Belmont Oaks Invitational, the Florida Oaks at Tampa Bay and Edgewood Stakes at Churchill Downs, both Grade 3, and a dominating score in the $750,000 Saratoga Oaks Invitational.

Prior Aiken-trained Horse of the Year honoree's include Congaree, Wando, Limehouse, Bob and John, Country Star, Midshipman, Quality Road, It's Tricky, Alpha, Palace Malice, Curalina, Dickinson and Still Having Fun.

Time For Renewal

The South Carolina Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association thanks all who have supported the organization over the years. We are proud not only of the farms and training centers, but also of the many individuals who contribute to the racing industry and the many horse disciplines in our state.

The renewal application for 2020 membership can be found on our website–sctoba.org. We appreciate all as we look forward to strengthening our membership.

SOUTH CAROLINA-TRAINED WINNERS

horse	*Training Center*	*Date*	*Track*	*Type of Race*
Artemis Rising	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/17/19	Parx Racing	Maiden special weight
Unbridledadventure	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	12/17/19	Parx Racing	Starter allowance
Firth	Aiken - Cary Frommer	12/14/19	Laurel Park	Allowance
MITCHELL ROAD	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/14/19	Gulfstream Park	My Charmer S
Kick It Deep	Rentz Farm	12/12/19	Penn National	Allowance
Right Notion	Shuler Stables	12/12/19	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
Kada	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/11/19	Remington Park	Allowance
Myamanoi	Elloree Training Center	12/8/19	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
LEWISFIELD	Elloree Training Center	12/7/19	Laurel Park	Howard and Sondra Bender Memorial
She's My Type (Fr)	Kirkwood Stables	12/7/19	Gulfstream Park	Maiden special weight
Felix in Fabula	Elloree Training Center	12/6/19	Aqueduct	Allowance
With Verve	Rentz Farm	12/5/19	Gulfstream Park	Starter allowance
Amelia Bedelia	Shuler Stables	12/4/19	Charles Town	Allowance
Long Point Beach	Aiken - Cary Frommer	12/1/19	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight
River Finn	Elloree Training Center	12/1/19	Fair Grounds	Maiden special weight
ANGLE OF ATTACK	Shuler Stables	11/30/19	Charles Town	Eleanor Casey Memorial S
Art Collector	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/30/19	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Diamond N Simon	Mason Springs	11/30/19	Parx Racing	Starter allowance
SPANISH POINT	Fenwick Equine	11/30/19	Gulfstream Park	House Party S
Am Impazible	Elloree Training Center	11/29/19	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Empresario	Rentz Farm	11/29/19	Delta Downs	Maiden special weight
Sincerity	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/29/19	Fair Grounds	Maiden special weight
Boaster	Shuler Stables	11/28/19	Charles Town	Allowance
Stowe Angel	Shuler Stables	11/28/19	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
FIRENZE FIRE	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/27/19	Penn National	Fabulous Strike S
Jakarta	Rentz Farm	11/27/19	Penn National	Allowance
PRECIOUS	Rentz Farm	11/27/19	Penn National	Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S
Kitchen Fire	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	11/26/19	Ocala Training Center	Starter allowance
Intrepid Spirit	Rentz Farm	11/25/19	Parx Racing	Allowance
SAINT ALFRED	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/25/19	Finger Lakes	Mass Bred Championship H
Sweet Home Dixie	Elloree Training Center	11/24/19	Laurel Park	Starter allowance
Take Me Home	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	11/23/19	Penn National	Starter allowance
Lost Ticket	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/22/19	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Paddy All Day	Rentz Farm	11/21/19	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Three Technique	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/20/19	Aqueduct	Allowance

VIRGINIA

Four Wheel Drive is shown winning the Exacta Systems Rosie's Stakes at Colonial Downs. Photo by Coady Photography.

Colonial Downs To Host 18 Days Of Racing Over 6 Weeks In 2020

The Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) approved a summer racing season schedule for Colonial Downs at its December meeting. The New Kent track, which opened under the new ownership of Peninsula Pacific Entertainment in 2019 after a six year hiatus, will feature 18 race dates from July 23 through August 29. Programs will be presented every Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a post time of 5:30 PM.

Colonial Downs will distribute $500,000 per day in purses and provide a lucrative series of state-bred and certified races for the second straight year. The popular MATCH Series will be run at the New Kent track on August 15 and feature five $100,000 stakes. The Virginia Derby will close out the race meet on August 29 along with the Virginia Oaks, Rosie's and Kitten's Joy Stakes. Four Wheel Drive won the inaugural running of the Rosie's Stakes and went on to capture the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint establishing himself as a contender for Eclipse Award honors.

Frank Petramalo, Executive Director of the Virginia Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (VHBPA) stated, "The horsemen look forward in 2020 to building on our successful 2019 race meet. The renowned Secretariat turf course, the mile and a quarter dirt track and our beautiful stabling area provide a perfect setting for horses and their connections. We are certain that our incremental growth plan will establish Colonial Downs as a premier destination for racing in the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond."

D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Chairman of the VRC, added, "Congratulations to John Marshall, Jill Byrne and the entire team at Colonial Downs for conducting a highly successful race meet this summer. It's amazing what can happen when everyone works together. $500,000 in purses per day sounds like the right number, which will make it a great meet regionally and nationally. With the number of race days growing from 15 to 18 days, the 30 day objective is in sight. I think we can all get there quickly."

Starter Reward Program Returns For Virginia Spring Point To Point Series

The Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA) announced it will fund a starter reward program for Virginia's spring Point-to-Point race season for a second straight year. The well received initiative began in 2019 and helped increase participation in the two month series.

Program details are straightforward. Every time a Virginia-owned or Virginia-trained horse makes a start in any Point-to-Point race, the owner will receive a $200 starter reward. The bonus is designed to increase steeplechase participation at all levels, from owner-rider divisions to open hurdle and timber divisions. In 2019, a total of $31,800 in rewards were paid out from 159 Virginia horses that participated in seven scheduled spring meets.

"The VEA recognizes that the Point-to-Point circuits are a vital element of steeplechase racing and we want to do everything we can to promote and support the Point to Points in Virginia," said VEA Executive Director

Jeb Hannum. "The Point-to-Points are an important first step for many horses. They also give young riders an opportunity to compete before going to the sanctioned meets."

The spring schedule features a Point-to-Point meet on eight consecutive weekends. The Rappahannock Hunt is on March 7, Warrenton Hunt on March 14, Upperville (Piedmont Fox Hounds) on March 21, Middleburg (Orange County Hounds) on March 29, Ben Venue (Old Dominion Hounds) on April 4, Leesburg (Loudoun Hunt) on April 12, Berryville (Blue Ridge Hunt) on April 19 and again in Middleburg (Middleburg Hunt) on April 26. More details are available at www.vasteeplechase.com and at www.centralentryoffice.com.

Historical Horse Racing Fuels $1 Billion Handle In Virginia In 2019

Total Virginia pari-mutuel handle on horse racing for 2019 exceeded $1 billion for the first time ever thanks to the implementation of Historical Horse Racing (HHR) terminals at four Rosie's Gaming Emporium sites across the Commonwealth. That, combined with on line betting handle from four partner providers, handle at four VA-Horseplay Off Track Betting (OTB) Centers, and handle generated from live race meets at Colonial Downs (thoroughbred), Shenandoah Downs (harness) and the Virginia Gold Cup (steeplechase), pushed the total figure to $1,203,990,926.

Total HHR handle was $1,078,283,481 from Rosie's outlets based in New Kent (at Colonial Downs), Richmond, Hampton and Vinton. The first site opened in April and the most recent opened in late September. More are scheduled to come on line in 2020.

Handle via Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) --- or on line betting --- was $86,629,347 which was up an impressive 3.1% over 2018's $83,958,598 figure. ADW thoroughbred handle was up 2.45% compared to last year while harness wagering jumped 9.2%.

For more details, visit virginiahorseracing.com.

VTA Stallion Auction Set For February 11, 12

Mark your calendars for the annual VTA Stallion Auction, set for Tuesday/Wednesday February 11/12. Open bidding is available on the 11th from 10 AM - 8 PM and can only be made by phone at 540-347-4313. No bids will be accepted by internet or e-mail. Final bidding will be conducted on the 12th among the high bidders on each season to close the auction. You may pre-register to bid through the 11th. Anyone with questions can call Debbie Easter prior to the auction's start at 434-531-2480. A full list of seasons and auction details is at vabred.org.

Top: Le Chevalier was best in the Orange County Point-to-Point's Open Timber division in 2019. Photo by Douglas Lees.
Bottom: The VA-Horseplay OTB at Buckets Bar & Grill in Chesapeake handled over $10 million in 2019. Photo supplied by VEA.

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THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter **February 2020**

United for our industry

By Jeff Gilleas

Recently, the Thoroughbred racing industry has come under attack, threatening the livelihood of thousands of backstretch employees, business subsidiaries, a noble animal and ultimately endangering a symbiotic relationship that has successfully coexisted for centuries.

This isn't the first time my beloved profession has been in the proverbial cross-hairs, but with potential federal and state intervention looming, it may be the most crucial juncture in its storied history.

Do I profess to be so naive that every aspect of this enterprise is faultless and changes aren't necessary to the status quo?

Obviously not, but what troubles me is which organizations are calling for radical modifications, who is responsible for implementing them, and at what cost?

Racing has been in my blood since the age of 6 and over the span of my lifetime has received multiple infusions of fidelity.

Individuals who share my experiences with our four-legged wonders know firsthand the majesty, intelligence and sacrifices they are capable of.

Twenty years ago, I began a journey that eventually landed me in a small corner of the Eastern Panhandle, titled Charles Town.

Agriculture, horse racing and a love of antiquity were the champions of this quiet community, contiguous to the Blue Ridge mountains.

Citizenry of this town are hard working, family oriented and faith-based.

Charles Washington, the founder of Charles Town and full brother to our first president, named many of the streets after his relatives and was rumored to have conducted horse races on its earthen highways.

In 1932, Thoroughbred horse racing became an ordained partner with Jefferson County. In 1997 the racetrack was purchased by Penn Gaming Inc.

NFL legend and Hall of Fame inductee Sam Huff organized the inaugural West Virginia Breeders Classics. . . the graded Charles Town Classic has become one of the richest Thoroughbred contests in the United States.

Names like Baird, Berry, Boyer, Brown, Carlisle, Casey, Condon, Contreras, Daniel, Engle, Espinosa, Figgins, Funkhouser, Grams, Hagy, Hilton, Holden, Long, Mckee, Meehan, Miller, Moore, Moscarelli, O'Bannon, Pennington, Runco, Russell, Servis, Smith, Starkey, Stehr, Thomas, Tobin, Walters, Watson and Woodson have indelibly left their mark on the racing landscape of the Mountain State.

When confronted with any attack on their profession, horsemen understandably react emotionally.

This isn't a casual pastime, but a 24/7, year-round profession. It's a career, with no days off and no 401(k)s.

Racetrackers take it personally when individuals or groups assign blame to them, especially on issues that generally possess few facts and restricted knowledge.

Nationally, the media is demonizing our sport, with their end-all being extinction.

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Antagonists to horse racing like to fall back on the nouveau argument that we have become a non-agrarian vocation.

In my home state of West Virginia, I would beg to differ.

Most of my horse-oriented friends and colleagues own or lease the land they reside on.

They raise hay and straw, grow crops, stand stallions, manage broodmares, cattle, sheep or poultry, and take in any variety of stray animal needing shelter.

In the dictionary, culture is defined as, "the arts and other manifestations of human intellectual achievement regarded collectively."

In West Virginia, the culture of casino and racing is a quid pro quo.

Generational personalities may seem to change little, but their impact on the modernization of the Thoroughbred industry is significant.

Aided by Penn Gaming Inc., the West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Charles Town Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the West Virginia Racing Commission together have forged a proactive team to implement rules and regulations ensuring the integrity of our sport.

In a recent press release, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races revealed that for the fifth consecutive year, the 86-year-old track was able to achieve a new annual high in wagering per race, while 2019 established the local breeding program as a dynamic force in the region.

West Virginia-bred Runnin'toluvya, a son of West Virginia stallion Fiber Sonde, captured Charles Town's marque event – the $1 million Charles Town Classic-G2 – becoming the second West Virginia-bred and sired runner to win a graded event at the track, the other being Late Night Pow Wow.

Take note of the Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races 2020 condition book and you will see a myriad of rules and regulations designed to protect both horses and horsemen.

Additionally, this year Charles Town Races will partake in the regions popular MATCH Series.

In 1968 the West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association was founded, with their mandate being to foster and promote Thoroughbred breeding and racing industries within the state. Benefits available to members include the West Virginia Thoroughbred Development Fund, supplemental purse awards, a minimum number of accredited West Virginia races daily and West Virginia-accredited stakes.

The Charles Town chapter of the HBPA lists in their informational packet that Thoroughbred racing provides over 5,000 jobs in West Virginia, while it brings in millions in revenue for the community.

Thoroughbred racing also has an immense agricultural impact by preserving and protecting green space.

Their pamphlet goes on to describe the legislative intent of video lottery and table games is to assist horse racing/breeding industries, while enhancing tourism, agriculture and employment within the state.

The Aftercare Charles Town program (ACT) was formed in 2013 to help local horsemen find suitable homes for retired racehorses.

Since its inception it has placed over 200 retired horses in safe and appropriate homes.

ACT is run entirely by an uncompensated volunteer Board of Directors.

In the near future, I can envision every racing jurisdiction shadowing Keeneland's lead, by installing charitable donation buttons on self-service wagering terminals to aid our equine retirees.

The West Virginia Racing Commission presides over all racing within the state.

Their major responsibility is to regulate the sport and ensure the public's confidence.

In a response to the Mid-Atlantic's efforts to focus on equine health and welfare, the WVRC will establish a Medical Review Board at the state's two Thoroughbred facilities.

The moral compass for the proliferation of Thoroughbred horse racing in West Virginia is clear and comprehensively assigned to the aforementioned groups.

The Fellowship of the Oval will weed out bad apples, ensure the future for horsemen, their families, employees and most importantly, the welfare of our equine partner.

NOTES TO MEMBERS

- **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, racing.wv.gov.
- If you are selling or planning to sell your accredited WV-bred and/or sired horse, please contact the WVTBA. The WVTBA has started supplying sellers of **accredited WV-bred and/or sired horses** with **hip stickers and stall-card stickers** to make it easier for buyers to identify these horses. Contact the WVTBA office at (304) 728-6868 or by e-mail at wvbreeders@gmail.com.
- **WV Certificates** will be issued seven to 10 days after the WVTBA receives the original registration form application, all required paperwork and payment.
- The new WVTBA office is located at 110 South George Street, Suite 4, Charles Town, WV 25414. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. More information may be found at www.wvtba.net.

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Torsilieri steps down as president, will remain active on NSA Board

Guy J. Torsilieri announced in early January that he would step down from the National Steeplechase Association presidency at the meeting of the Board of Directors on Jan. 17. A business owner and chairman of the Far Hills Race Meeting, Torsilieri has led the NSA since 2009, a period of growth and innovation within the sport.

He said he would continue as a member of the Board of Directors and would remain active in the affairs of the NSA.

"I concluded that, as we embark on a new decade, it was a good point to turn over the reins to a new generation and new leaders," Torsilieri said. "I am extremely proud of what the National Steeplechase Association has accomplished during my tenure, and I am also proud of the leadership that has emerged within our sport.

"While I will continue to be deeply involved in steeplechasing and the NSA, I am confident that the future is in good, capable hands."

Torsilieri took office when all of Thoroughbred racing was burdened by the 2007-2008 recession, and NSA purses have increased more than 20%, from less than $5-million to a record $6.2-million in 2018, during his tenure. The increases have been across the board, and Torsilieri successfully encouraged pari-mutuel tracks such as Saratoga Race Course to maintain a strong jump-racing presence.

Working with the Board of Directors and assisted by Director of Racing Bill Gallo Jr. and a small NSA staff, he has advocated for American Steeplechasing as part of an international sport. His New Jersey meet has led the way in jump racing's globalization, with the Grand National (Gr. 1) and other races attracting overseas participants.

GUY J. TORSILIERI

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He attributed the sport's advances to a strong team on the Board of Directors, including Vice President Doug Fout, a trainer and Middleburg Spring race chairman. "The gains that we made were not my doing alone," he said. "I was honored to work with a team of level-headed leaders who know the sport intimately and grasped the importance of moving steeplechase racing forward."

Perhaps his most lasting innovation—and a consequence of his team-building—will be a system of committees to address specific issues within steeplechase racing. While focusing attention on important issues confronting steeplechasing, the committees broadened the participation of all stakeholders in the decision-making process.

Integrity and safety are the watchwords of American Steeplechasing, and Torsilieri successfully advocated for panels of horsemen and officials to address those all-important issues. Launched early in his term was the Stewards Advisory Committee, which is headed by Iroquois Steeplechase Chairman Dwight Hall. The Stewards Advisory Committee has professionalized the role of stewards at race meets and has instituted regular training for all NSA stewards.

Also on his watch, a Hearing, Review & Appeals panel was created to independently review any appeals of stewards' rulings, taking over that function from the Board of Directors and thus avoiding even the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Safety is a first priority of the National Steeplechase Association, and the second major committee formed under Torsilieri's tenure was the Steeplechase Safety Committee, which was launched in 2012 under the leadership of R. Reynolds Cowles, D.V.M.

Trainers, jockeys, stewards, race-meet officials, board members and others are members of the committee, which has researched safety issues within the sport and recommended enhancements to the Board of Directors. Under Torsilieri's leadership, the board has adopted those recommendations unanimously.

The Promotion and Growth Committee was formed in 2014 and charged with developing strategies for expanding the reach of the sport

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Go Jump Racing!

Willowdale Steeplechase offers a Twist on Tradition

The Willowdale Steeplechase has become a Chester County tradition over its 27 runnings, a testament to the vision of founder W. B. Dixon Stroud, a strong steeplechase fan base, and the hard work of staff members and volunteers.

For its 28th running in Kennett Square, Willowdale is offering a twist on tradition, which is the theme of the 2020 event. Long a Mother's Day tradition, Willowdale will shift from Sunday to a Saturday program, to be held on May 9. It's still a big part of Mother's Day weekend, but families will be able to experience the thrill of jump racing on Saturday and then honor their own traditions on Mother's Day.

The Willowdale Steeplechase is a nonprofit organization committed to clean water and veterinary excellence through charitable donations to the Stroud Water Research Center and the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine' New Bolton Center.

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Committees empowered in Torsilieri's tenure

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to include new owners, new participants, and new fans. The Promotion and Growth Committee initially was led by Queen's Cup Co-chairman Bill Price and now is led by Virginia Gold Cup Co-chairman Al Griffin Jr. Like the Safety Committee, the Promotion and Growth Committee draws upon a wide range of experience and expertise in the sport.

One of the ideas emerging from the Promotion and Growth Committee was the ratings handicap, which was instituted in 2015. A regular feature of overseas racing, the ratings handicap has grown increasingly popular in the United States and has all but displaced claiming races and optional claiming races. The ratings handicaps are favored by owners because they are not at risk of losing their horses at the claims box, and the innovative races offer more opportunities for horses at all levels of competition. The Promotion and Growth Committee also was instrumental in implementing another Torsilieri innovation, high-definition video for stewards at all meets beginning in 2017.

Also under Torsilieri's tenure, steeplechase racing has broadened its appeal to U.S. and international markets by instituting pari-mutuel wagering at the Virginia Gold Cup and the International Gold Cup in Virginia and at Far Hills. Those meets' races are broadcast on major wagering platforms with a worldwide reach.

Torsilieri also was instrumental in forming the Future Committee in 2018 with Robert Bonnie as its chair. The Future Committee is developing strategies to assure the vitality of steeplechase racing over the next decades.

Torsilieri was elected to a new three-year term on the Board of Directors in November 2019, and he said he will remain available to the NSA's new leadership as steeplechase racing forges into a new decade. "I'm not going away by any means," Torsilieri said. "I look forward to working with the NSA's new leaders, and I will assist them in any way that I can."

Officers for 2020 were to be elected at the Board of Directors meeting on Jan. 17, which occurred after press time for this issue of *'Chasing.*

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Pennsylvania breeder Jenney remembered for grace

By Rick Abbott

Editor's Note: Pennsylvania horseman Rick Abbott sent the following remembrance of Bettina Jenney, who died in December.

Open whatever dictionary you choose and look up the word gracious, you will see a picture of Bettina Jenney. Then turn to soft-spoken and, again, there will be a photo of Bettina. Then turn to the words beautiful and elegant and there she is again and again.

The year was 1976 and Dixie and I had been married for five years. We were still in the show-horse business working for the Wetherill family in Pennsylvania but we had gone to Saratoga on our honeymoon and ever since I had been trying to figure out how to get back to Saratoga and involved in the yearling sales business.

I had heard that Marshall and Bettina Jenney used show-horse handlers to show their yearlings and so I called Marshall and talked my way onto his crew for that August. I don't remember much about that sale but I remember two things clearly—a Northern Dancer filly out of Pas de Nom, and Bettina Jenney.

Bettina died in her sleep last month and we are all the worse for it (see obituary below). We all lost a shining beacon of beauty, civility, grace and love.

She and Marshall created a tremendously successful breeding program at their pastorally beautiful Derry Meeting Farm in Pennsylvania. To know the success that Derry Meeting achieved you need only know that Storm Cat and Danzig were both born in the Derry Meeting foaling barn.

Everything that Marshall accomplished was done in the biggest and most colorful manner possible. Always, in what appeared to be the background, there was Bettina at his side. He drove a four-in-hand. He flew a plane. He went to the Denver Stock Show and came home with a 10-gallon hat and a herd of cattle. Nothing was too outlandish for Marshall.

Through it all, there was Bettina smiling and entertaining all of Marshall's far-flung friends and clients. She seemed always to be happy in the huge shadow that her husband cast. Little did many of us know that, beneath that veneer of gentility, lay a shrewd businesswoman and a horsewoman who had absorbed all of Marshall's knowledge and savvy.

JIM GRAHAM

When Marshall died suddenly and tragically in 2000 the conventional wisdom was that Bettina would sell Derry Meeting and enjoy the rest of her life in comfort surrounded by her daughters, Lindsay and Sally and their children. However, buoyed by longtime friend and client George Strawbridge, Bettina decided to remain at Derry Meeting and continue the work that she and Marshall had begun. With James Wiggan and Brian O'Rourke as her advisors, she retained the Derry Meeting broodmare band and continued to operate the farm as a full-service Thoroughbred nursery.

Bettina continued to take the Derry Meeting consignment to Saratoga with great success, even selling a $1 million yearling on behalf of Strawbridge's Augustin Stable. She retained a filly that did not meet her reserve and which she named Mrs. Lindsay after her mother. Mrs. Lindsay was out of Vole Vole Monamour, a great granddaughter of the Derry Meeting-bred and European champion Mrs. Penny. Racing in the Derry Meeting colors, Mrs. Lindsay won Grade and Group 1 races on both sides of the Atlantic and $1,201,000. Vole Vole Monamour also produced the Grade 1 winner Dame Dorothy, which earned $749,740.

Looking back to that Saratoga Sale in 1976, the Northern Dancer filly I remember became the stakes winner Dame Margot. Her younger full-brother which sold the following year was named Danzig and he has shaped the breed ever since.

Bettina and Marshall had many friends from all over the world. As we enter the new decade all of them will fondly remember Bettina for her beauty, graciousness and soothing demeanor but she will also be remembered for her steely determination to continue the Derry Meeting legacy that she and Marshall built over the decades.

OBITUARY

Bettina Lindsay Jenney, a retired breeder of Thoroughbred racehorses, died peacefully at home at Stonegates in Greenville, Del., Dec. 22 from cancer. She was 86.

Born in Bedford Hills, N.Y., she grew up in Lake Forest, Ill., graduated from Garrison Forest School and attended Smith College. After Smith, she moved to New York City to work for Time, Inc. She then married Josiah Marvel Scott (Jay), from Wilmington, Del., and lived in Wilmington where they raised their two daughters.

After Scott died, Bettina married Marshall Jenney and moved to Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville, Pa. Derry Meeting co-bred the influential sire Danzig (with Bill Farish), and was the breeder of English and Irish champion Mrs. Penny and millionaire winner Yankee Affair. After the death of Marshall Jenney in November 2000 at the age of 60, Bettina managed the farm, and bred the talented Mrs. Lindsay (named after her mother), winner of top races in France and Canada.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Newfound Lake Region Association, 10 North Main Street, Unit 1, Bristol, N.H. 03222. Being at her family's house on Newfound Lake was the highlight of Bettina's year.

She is survived by her sister, Seton Lindsay O'Reilly of Litchfield, Conn., daughters Lindsay Scott of Wilmington, Del., and Sally Scott of Baltimore, Md., four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, as well as stepdaughters Annie Jenney Darrow of Baltimore, Md., and Laura Jenney Roe of Bozeman, Mont. and their five children.

Looking Back

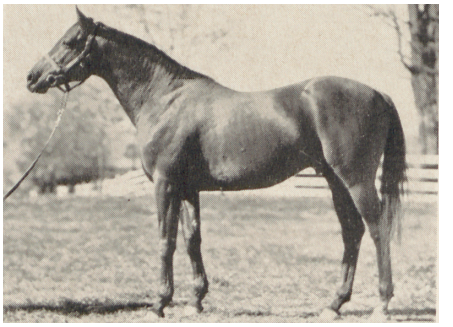
Stuart Janney Jr. was "a first class man to hounds" and joint master of Green Spring.

75 years ago

■ Marine Corps officer Stuart Janney Jr. was back in Maryland on furlough after spending two years on duty in the Pacific. A director of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, owner/trainer/rider of Maryland Hunt Cup winner Winton and a "first class man to hounds" and "as cool and heady a rider as one would encounter on a day's march," Janney was joint-master of Green Spring Hounds and was one of many members of Maryland hunts in service. *The Maryland Horse* checked up on the whereabouts of a few, including the Stewart brothers, Latimer (a lieutenant in the Marines stationed at Mariana Island in the Pacific) and Redmond (a captain of artillery at Fort Sill, Okla.), and Daniel Baugh Brewster, a Marine lieutenant in the Pacific. Those in Europe included Ned Murray, Cuthbert Fenwick and H. Robertson Fenwick. Louis Merryman was a paratrooper who had receieved a Purple Heart, his brother Johnny was in the air branch of the Marines.

"The girls who hunted with Green Spring have done their share oversees," reported the magazine. "Emily Franklin was a woman Marine; Kitty Hoffman is with the American Red Cross in New Guinea, and Joan Thomas is with the same famous organization in England."

■ With a shortage of gas and harsh winter weather, Humphrey Finney was kept close to home, but the MHBA field secretary noted he hoped "to get around to visit as many farms as possible in the state" that winter.



***Piping Rock was to stand in Maryland.**

One of his visits was to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Williams' Stadacona Farm in Glyndon to see the newly arrived stallions *Piping Rock and Laugh Clown, sent to Maryland by New Jersey breeder W.H. LaBoyteaux, along with 10 mares. "It shows an owner's confidence in his horse when he himself breeds mares of the stripe of Imperatrice to him," noted Finney.

*LeBoyteaux's young stakes-winning mare Imperatrice arrived in foal to Triple Crown champion Whirlaway, carrying eventual stakes-winning filly Scattered. Bred the next two seasons to *Piping Rock, the results were stakes winners Imperium and Squared Away.*

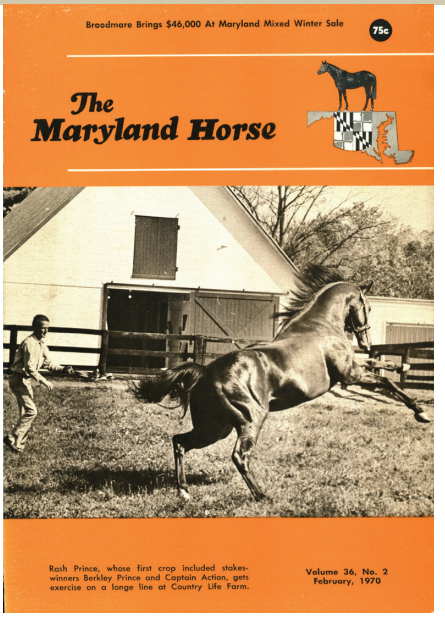
■ Fasig-Tipton Company, "the oldest and foremost Thoroughbred sales agency of America," was sold to a group of Eastern breeders, headed by Kenneth N. Gilpin, of Boyce, Va., the importer of *Teddy, and a consignor to the Saratoga sales for many years. Joining him on the board of directors were W.H. LaBoyteaux and John A. Morris, secretary of the Saratoga Association.

50 years ago

■ Legendary horseman Hirsch Jacobs died at age 65 in Florida. The owner, trainer and breeder from New York had purchased the farm in Monkton, Md., he named Stymie Manor in 1946, where all his young horses received their early education (among them Preakness Stakes-winning Horse of the Year Personality and his champion dam Affectionately).

Although Jacobs was a success in every facet of the horse industry, he was best known as the Hall of Fame trainer of former claimer Stymie, who retired in 1949 as a champion, future Hall of Famer and the world's leading money earner with $918,485.

■ C. Oliver Goldsmith's brilliant but fragile Red Monk was retired after winning the Southern Maryland Handicap at Bowie—his sixth win in seven starts. The 4-year-old son of


Broodmare Brings $46,000 At Maryland Mixed Winter Sale
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The Maryland Horse
Rash Prince, whose first crop included stakes-winners Berkley Prince and Captain Action, gets exercise on a longe line at Country Life Farm.
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Rambunctious—unraced at 2 after surgery in both knees—would stand at Goldsmith's Longwood Farm.

Rambunctious was the nation's first stallion with two stakes winners in the new decade, as Rollicking captured Bowie's E. Palmer Heagerty in January.

Red Monk was an important component to Goldsmith's breeding program and appears in the pedigrees of such prolific families as graded stakes winner Am Desireable, Red Lamp and Whatwouldhappenif.

■ Rash Prince, the sire of two stakes winners from his first crop of 14 foals, led by 1969 Ohio Derby winner Berkley Prince, stood at Country Life Farm in Bel Air as the property of Elmendorf and Country Life. A photo of the son of Prince John being exercised appeared on the cover of *The Maryland Horse.*

■ Parking passes for the Maryland Hunt Cup were no longer available for purchase on race day, on the suggestion of the Baltimore County police. To alleviate excessive delays caused by race day sales, passes would need to be purchased in advance.

25 years ago

■ Robert E. Meyerhoff was the fourth-leading owner in the nation by earnings in 1994, boosted by homebred Concern's victory in the 1994 Breeders' Cup Classic-G1. The $1.56 million winner's share of the Breeders' Cup purse was the biggest payday ever for a Maryland-bred, and Concern's 3-year-old earnings of $2,541,670 gave him the title of leading money-earner on North American soil (Virginia-bred Paradise Creek earned $2,634,774, but that included earnings in Japan).

Meyerhoff was the breeder of 10 stakes winners of 1994 born at his Fitzhugh Farm in Phoenix, Md., nine campaigning in his yellow and blue colors and trained by Dickie Small. Broad Smile became the 10th when she prevailed by a length in Fair Grounds' Pontalba Stakes for 2-year-old fillies in late November. Three weeks earlier, the juvenile filly Special Broad won the Grade 3 Tempted at Aqueduct. Like the majority of Meyerhoff's winners, the fillies were by Meyerhoff homebred Broad Brush, the first Maryland-bred horse to top the Thoroughbred general sires list, which he did in 1994.

Robert E. Meyerhoff and trainer Richard "Dickie" Small celebrate at Churchill Downs following Concern's Breeders' Cup Classic score.

■ The Maryland Horse Breeders Association's 1993 Yearling Show, judged by Tommy Kelly, served as a showcase for future stars when seven participants went on to win or place in stakes at 2. The stakes performers to earn ribbons at the show were grand champion Royal Silver, second in the Vanlandingham Stakes; Citidancer's daughter Urbane, fourth out of 36 entries in Class III and winner of the Moccasin and second in the Hollywood Starlet-G1; and Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship winner Quite Proper, fifth in Class III.

The 2018 Yearling Show saw five entries go on to win or place in stakes last year: Sharing, winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf-G1 and Selima; Hello Beautiful, winner of the Maryland Million Lassie and Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship; Laddie Liam, first in the Maryland Juvenile Futurity and third in the Maryland Million Nursery; Project Whiskey, victorious in the Parx Juvenile Fillies Turf; and Tommy Shelby, third in the Maryland Juvenile Futurity.

■ C. Oliver Goldsmith's third-generation stakes-winning homebred Miss Slewpy rounded out her 3-year-old season with triumphs in the Anne Arundel Stakes and Carousel Stakes-G3 nine days apart at Laurel Park. Unraced at 2, the Slewpy filly boasted a career mark of six wins, two second, in eight starts. She was out of Capp It Off (by Double Zeus); her second dam Turn Capp was by Goldsmith's home stallion Turn to Reason.

■ Maryland was selected as the site for testing of an interactive television network that would allow people to watch and wager on horse races from their homes. The program, developed by On Demand Services (ODS) Technologies, of Tulsa, Okla., was to launch in March, with the initial phase to be tested in 25 homes in Baltimore County.

10 years ago

■ In his first season of commercial operation, Tarry Bratton put Ghost Ridge Farms on the map, lining up seven stallions to stand at his York, Pa.-area farm, five new to the state. Topping the list were Jump Start and Honour and Glory, who assumed the one-two spots on the state's leading sires list by progeny earnings in 2009.

A key to the fledgling operation was the hiring of Carl McEntee as general manager in March 2009. A 30-year-old Irishman and Kentucky transplant, McEntee had worked at a number of prominent facilities in the U.S. and England.

In addition to Jump Start and Honour and Glory, the latter the nation's leading 2-year-old sire with his first crop in 2000, Ghost Ridge was also standing new to the region Greatness, Smooth Jazz and Irish Road, as well as Alex's Pal and Dixie's Prodigy.

After two breeding seasons, Jump Start, along with 2011 Ghost Ridge roster additions E Dubai and Smarty Jones, moved to Northview PA in Peach Bottom, with McEntee becoming director of bloodstock services.

■ Charles Town Races and Slots, one of the few Thoroughbred facilities in the nation to show progress in 2009, had become one of the most innovative and prosperous racing venues in the nation. Many of the recent innovations, including the creation of the $1 million Charles Town Classic in 2009, were spearheaded by 33-year-old Erich Zimny, a Georgetown University graduate with a law degree, a master's in business administration from Rutgers University, a graduate from of the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program and was Charles Town's director of racing operations.

Charles Town's Erich Zimny.

"The noise when [Charles Town-based] Researcher took the lead at the top of the stretch [of the inaugural Charles Town Classic]—one of our stewards, Bobby Lotts, told me it was like somebody scored a touchdown in an NFL game. It's the kind of thing that makes the other days worthwhile, when you see stuff like that happening on track," Zimny said.

■ Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment opened its new Parx Casino at Philadelphia Park in December. Constructed at a cost of $250 million and occupying 260,000 square feet, Parx offered 3,100 slot machines, plus dining venues, a sports bar and a stage for live entertainment.

CALENDAR

MID-ATLANTIC TRACKS

Charles Town
P.O. Box 551, Charles Town, W.Va. 25414. (304) 725-7001; (800) 795-7001. Racing Secretary: Elizabeth Rogers. Racing dates: Jan. 8 to April 18; www.ctownraces.com.

Delaware Park
777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington, Del. 19804. (302) 994-2521; (800) 441-6587 (outside Del.); fax (302) 993-8952. Racing Secretary: Tom Creel. Racing dates: May 27 to Oct. 31; www.delawarepark.com.

Laurel Park
P.O. Box 130, Laurel, Md. 20725. (301) 725-0400; (800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary: Chris Merz. Racing dates: Jan. 1 to May 3, May 29 to Aug. 23, Sept. 11 to Dec. 31; www.marylandracing.com.

Meadowlands
East Rutherford, N.J. 07073. (201) 842-5130. Racing Secretary: John Heims. Racing dates: Oct. 2 to Nov. 21; www.thebigm.com.

Monmouth Park
175 Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, N.J. 07757. (732) 222-5100; fax (732) 571-8658. Racing Secretary: John Heims. Racing dates: May 2 to Sept. 27; www.monmouthpark.com.

Parx Racing
P.O. Box 1000, Bensalem, Pa. 19020-2096. (215) 639-9000; (800) 523-6886. Racing Secretary: David Osojnak. Racing dates: Jan. 1 to Dec. 29; www.parxracing.com.

Penn National
P.O. Box 32, Grantville, Pa. 17028. (717) 469-2211; (800) 233-8238. Racing Secretary: Jenny Tipa. Racing dates: Jan. 3 to Dec. 19; www.pennnational.com.

Pimlico Race Course
5201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21215. (410) 542-9400; (800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary: Chris Merz. Racing dates: May 7 to May 25; www.marylandracing.com.

Presque Isle Downs
8199 Perry Highway, Erie, Pa. 16509. (866) 374-3386; pidinfo@pidowns.com. Racing dates: May 11 to Oct. 22; www.presqueisledowns.com.

Timonium
P.O. Box 188, Timonium, Md. (410) 252-0200. Racing Secretary: Georganne Hale. Racing dates: Aug. 28 to Sept. 7.

OTHER TRACKS

Aqueduct—Dec. 12 to April 19
Belmont Park—April 24 to July 12
Churchill Downs—April 25 to June 27
Delta Downs—Oct. 8 to Feb. 29
Fair Grounds—Nov. 28 to March 29
Golden Gate Fields—Dec. 26 to June 14
Gulfstream Park—Nov. 29 to March 29
Hastings—April 26 to Oct. 18
Hawthorne—Oct. 2 to Dec. 26
Keeneland—April 2 to April 24
Lone Star Park—April 16 to July 19
Mountaineer—April 26 to Dec. 2
Oaklawn Park—Jan. 24 to May 2
Prairie Meadows—May 1 to Sept. 26
Sam Houston—Jan. 10 to March 28
Santa Anita—Dec. 26 to June 21
Sunland Park—Dec. 26 to April 21
Tampa Bay Downs—Nov. 27 to May 3
Turf Paradise—Oct. 12 to May 3
Turfway Park—Jan. 1 to March 28
Woodbine—April 18 to Dec. 13

MID-ATLANTIC AUCTIONS

Two-Year-Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. May 18, 19.
Midlantic Fall Yearlings, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. Oct. 12, 13.

OUT-OF-STATE AUCTIONS

Kentucky Winter Mixed, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555. Feb. 10, 11.
Two-Year-Olds in Training, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. March 17,18.
The Gulfstream Sale, Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Florida, Gulfstream Park, Hallandale, Fla. (859) 255-1555. April 1.
Spring Two-Year-Olds in Training, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. April 21-24.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Maryland Thoroughbred Horse Industry Renaissance Awards, Guinness Open Gate Brewery, Halethorpe, Md. (410) 252-2100. Feb. 11.
Virginia Thoroughbred Association Stallion Auction, www.vabred.org. (434) 531-2480. Feb. 11.
Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey Stallion Auction, www.njbreds.com. (732) 542-8880. Feb. 14-16.

NSA SPRING MEETS

Aiken Spring, Aiken, S.C. March 21.
Carolina Cup, Camden, S.C. March 28.
Tryon Block House, Columbus, N.C. April 11.
My Lady's Manor, Monkton, Md. April 11.
Grand National, Butler, Md. April 18.
Middleburg Spring, Middleburg, Va. April 18.
Foxfield Spring, Charlottesville, Va. April 25.
Maryland Hunt Cup, Reisterstown, Md. April 25.
Queen's Cup, Mineral Springs, N.C. April 25.
Virginia Gold Cup, The Plains, Va. May 2.
Winterthur, Winterthur, Del. May 3.
Iroquois, Nashville, Ten. May 9.
Willowdale, Kennett Square, Pa. May 9.
Radnor, Malvern, Pa. May 16.

SPRING POINT-TO-POINTS

Warrenton, Warrenton, Va. March 14.
Piedmont, Upperville, Va. March 21.
Foxhall Team Chase, Monkton, Md. March 22.
Green Spring Valley, Cockeysville, Md. March 29.
Mr. Stewart's Cheshire, Unionville, Pa. March 29.
Orange County, Middleburg, Va. March 29.
Elkridge-Harford, Monkton, Md. April 4.
Old Dominion, Ben Venue, Va. April 4.
Brandywine Hills, Northbrook, Pa. April 5.
Loudon, Leesburg, Va. April 12.
Blue Ridge, Berryville, Va. April 19.
Maryland Junior Hunt Cup, Cockeysville, Md. April 24.
Middleburg, Middleburg, Va. April 26.
Howard County Cup, Brookeville, Md. May 2.
Potomac, Poolesville, Md. May 17.

CLINICS/SEMINARS

Rutgers Horse Management Seminar, *Racehorse/Sport Horse Care and Rehabilitation*, New Brunswick, N.J. (848) 932-9419; https://esc.rutgers.edu. Feb. 9.
Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, "Tuesday Talks," Leesburg, Va. (703) 771-6842; www.emc.vetmed.vt.edu/education-and-jobs/client-education.html. *Dentistry 101*, Feb. 11.
MSA Junior/Young Rider Steeplechase Clinic, Shawan Downs, Cockeysville, Md.; www.marylandsteeplechaseassociation.com/get-involved/clinics-and-educational-opportunities/. March 1.
Penn Vet First Tuesdays Lecture Series, New Bolton Center, Kennett Square, Pa. Admission free. (610) 925-6500; beltb@vet.upenn.edu; www.vet.upenn.edu/about/news-and-events/press-releases. *Aging Gracefully: Caring for Your Geriatric Horse*, March 3; *Laminitis Management: From Research Lab to the Barn*, April 7; *Emergency and Critical Care for the Colic Patient: It Takes a Village*, May 5; *Don't Go Breaking My Heart: Innovations and Safety in Cardiology*, June 2.
MSA Open Advanced Steeplechase Clinic, Monkton, Md. www.marylandsteeplechaseassociation.com/get-involved/clinics-and-educational-opportunities/. March 8.
Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference, Mid-Atlantic Feed Industry Council Inc., Hunt Valley, Md. (301) 405-1547; www.ansc.umd.edu/extension/mid-atlantic-nutrition-conference; e-mail: jenreyn@umd.edu. April 7-8.

EVENTS

Horse World Expo, Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, Pa. (301) 916-0852, email: info@horseworldexpo.com; www.horseworldexpo.com. Feb. 27 to March 1.
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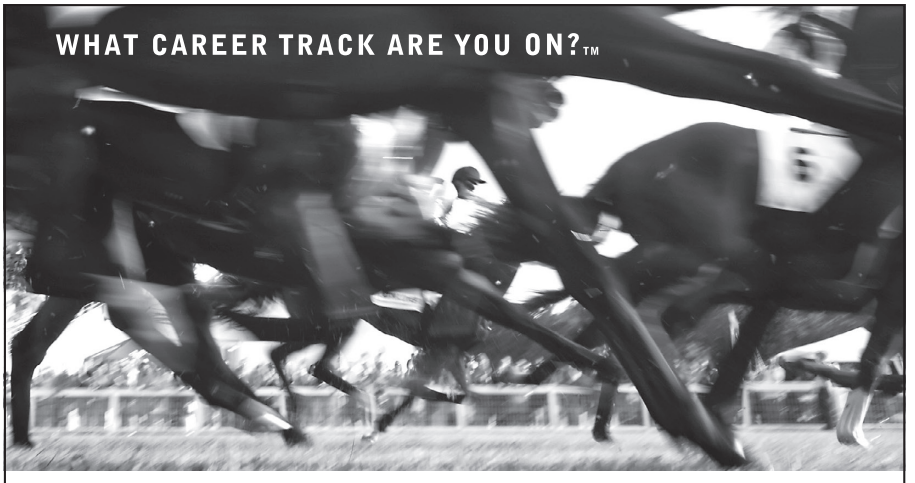

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ACROSTIC

By Vinnie Perrone

Waiting for the blacksmith, the vet, post time for your horse's race? Maybe you just have a little time on your hands. Regardless, try this acrostic puzzle, created by writer (and word puzzler) Vinnie Perrone. Not quite a crossword puzzle, a little more than Sudoku, an acrostic tests your knowledge of racing and other trivia. When you're done, the puzzle reveals a quote from the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* archives and the speaker's name/topic. Solution provided next month.

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column, vertically, form acrostic of speaker's name and topic. NOTE: The puzzle contains no punctuation.

CLUES	WORDS
A. HOF trainer Stephens won 5 straight Belmonts	26 94 133 82 150
B. Said of a fit racehorse: 2 wds.	72 91 29 109 54 132 117
C. Turf course, prosaically	15 58 39 134
D. What a handicap longshot often carries: 2 wds.	155 49 136 6 97 107 62 36 115
E. Obstruct the progress of a rival runner	65 147 31 77 112 44
F. Steve Byk-hosted radio show: 3 wds.	74 35 50 63 125 13 92 141 21 108
G. Tends to Clue C	45 32 76 8
H. Come after, as Affirmed to Seattle Slew	104 42 139 64 121 90
I. Like a lame or sick horse	80 106 2 154 25 68 123 51 135
J. Blind draw for a prize	53 37 122 95 81 148
K. Maximum height for a miniature horse: 2 wds.	18 105 83 145 66 30 127 4 43 153
L. Brewers' HOF shortstop Robin	34 137 61 19 96
M. Ask a horse early; utilize	138 93 27
N. Assigned, as a jockey	119 70 143 10 24
O. *The Age of Innocence* won her a Pulitzer: 2 wds.	102 56 151 67 116 1 130 23 41 85 142 11
P. He trained GSWs Medea, Nellie Cashman	99 47 149 79 129 9
Q. Molasses-added oats: 2 wds.	100 78 144 52 38 156 3 16 120
R. Primary color, or lacking courage	128 14 75 28 60 101
S. Trained or raced	88 113 55
T. 1940 hit helped launch Glenn Miller: 3 wds.	5 111 59 22 40 73 146 89 126
U. Penn jock rode 4,000th winner in '18: 2 wds.	140 7 71 110 20 124 57 152 98 84 46
V. Took part in a 3-day competition	118 17 131 33 86 69 103
W. IRA type	48 12 114 87

1 O	2 I	3 Q	4 K		5 T		6 D	7 U	8 G
	9 P	10 N	11 O		12 W	13 F		14 R	15 C
16 Q	17 V	18 K	19 L		20 U	21 F		22 T	23 O
24 N		25 I		26 A	27 M	28 R	29 B	30 K	
31 E	32 G	33 V	34 L		35 F	36 D	37 J	38 Q	
39 C	40 T		41 O	42 H	43 K	44 E		45 G	46 U
	47 P	48 W	49 D	50 F	51 I	52 Q	53 J		54 B
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132 B	133 A	134 C	135 I		136 D	137 L	138M	139 H	140 U
	141 F	142 O	143 N	144 Q		145 K	146 T	147 E	148 J
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A. Churchill
B. Anthem
C. Preach
D. On the wire
E. Sandwich
F. Sweeney
G. Earn
H. Lewisfield
I. Arthur Ashe
J. Nor
K. Abbey
L. Mike Mitchell
M. Effendi
N. Okinawa
O. Freeman
P. Thunder Snow
Q. Hubbard
R. Everyone
S. Get
T. Artery
U. Mucho Gusto
V. Edwin Starr

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